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Sardar Calls Halt To States Peoples' Movements

Endorses Sheikh Abdulla's Appeal

GOVT. TO SEEK PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER

Menon's Mission To Central India And Bombay

NEW DELHI, March 9, (A.P.I.): In the course of a statement today, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel called upon the people of the Indian States to "desist from any agitation for responsible Government or for the merger of any State in larger units," pending Government's negotiations with Rulers for an agreed constitutional set-up.

APPEAL TO RULERS

He expressed the hope that Rulers and the administrations "will on their part fully appreciate the necessity of maintaining good relations with their people".

The following is the text of Sardar's statement:—"A separate press note has been issued announcing the session by the Rulers and the Chiefs of the East Punjab Hill States to the Dominion Government, full and exclusive authority, jurisdiction and powers for the governance of these States, which will be consolidated into a centrally administered unit. In the meantime, requests and suggestions of merger or integration have come from responsible authorities and bodies from other States, such as Bundelkhand, Gujarat and Central India States. To assist these States in the formulation of well-considered plans of integration and consolidation, I am deputing Mr. V. P. Menon, Secretary of the States Ministry to visit Rewa and Nowgong and later, Bombay. Thereafter, we have to take up other States as well which are not in a position to continue as separate viable units.

DEMOCRATIZATION

"The policy of democratization of the States and of the integration of such States as are not in a position to enjoy separate autonomous existence, which the States have been pursuing during recent months has achieved remarkable results with a very short period. The rulers of the States have shown commendable patriotism and public spirit in adjusting themselves to the changed conditions and there is no doubt that with their co-operation, which has been forthcoming in full measure, the objective that we set before ourselves will be achieved even earlier than it could have been reasonably anticipated.

GOVT.'S ASSURANCE

I have no reason to believe that the Rulers of other States, where the implementation of this policy is under consideration, will be lacking in the spirit of public service and response to popular demands which members of their order have shown elsewhere. We are all fully alive to the urgency of solving these intricate and delicate problems and I can assure the general public in these States that we shall lose no time in reaching an amicable and satisfactory solution. I would, therefore, earnestly appeal to them that, while we are engaged in negotiating with those rulers of the States in different regions an agreed constitutional set-up, they would desist from any agitation for responsible Government or for the merger of any State in larger units, for this would only hamper the efforts of the States Ministry and render more difficult the task of securing peaceful transfer of power to the people.

SHEIKH ABDULLAH'S APPEAL ENDORSED

"I am gratified to know that Sheikh Abdullah has already advised the Praja Mandals and other popular organisations to stop all agitation in the States. I strongly endorse this appeal and would ask the leaders of public opinion in the States not to sponsor any political movement which would disturb peace in the States or embitter their relations with the rulers, so that the important problems relating to the States may be settled in an atmosphere of peace and goodwill. I trust the rulers and their administrations will, on their part, fully appreciate the necessity of maintaining good relations with their people."

CONGRESS PARTY IN CONSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, March 9, (A.P.I.): The Congress Party in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) which met today in Council House, elected the following office-bearers: Leader: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Deputy Leader: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Chief Whip: Shri Satyanarayan Sinha.

The Board of Indian Medicine U.P. Lucknow has recognized the Ayurvedalankar degree of the Gurukula Ayurveda Mahavidyalaya for registration in "A" class.

CONCERN OF GOVT. —NOT OF DETENUS!

CITY OF GOA, March 9 (IPA): From the Agoda Fort, news has trickled that on hearing of Gandhiji's death the political detenues there sent a condolence telegram to Pandit Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Devdas Gandhi. This telegram was handed over to the jail authorities with the necessary amount for its despatch.

However, the next day, the telegram was returned on the ground that the sending of condolences was the concern of the Government and not of the detenues .....

WESTERN UNION DRAFT TREATY

BRUSSELS, March 9, (Reuter): A report submitted by the Drafting Committee set up yesterday to give final polish to the first seven Articles of the Western Union Draft Treaty was examined at today's plenary meeting of the Five-Power delegations to the Western European Union talks.

One problem under consideration for which instructions are still awaited by the delegations is the creation of a body for economic consultations under Western Union.

This task is understood to be complex for two major reasons— how to bring in overseas territories and how to avoid duptication between this body and the similar body set up under the Marshall Plan.

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200 Raiders Killed In Kashmir

Important Hill Feature Taken

JAMMU, March 9, (A.P.I.): Despite adverse weather conditions including snow and heavy rain Indian troops have killed over two-hundred raiders in engagements in three sectors of the Jammu and Kashmir front within the last few days.

In the Uri area two Kumaun companies attacked an important hill feature and took the raiders by surprise. They engaged the raiders with mortars and bayonets. The raiders were routed at three important posts which were occupied by Indian troops who also occupied the hill feature.

Brigadier Sen visited the scene and congratulated the troops "on a good show."

Other Kumaun troops at the same time attacked the raiders elsewhere in Jammu province, captured an important hill feature and took up new positions. The troops climbed the hill feature through broken and mountainous country engaged the raiders killed about a hundred of them and dispersed the rest. A small concentration of the enemy entrenched on the left side of the hill feature fled.

One the Jammu border side Rajput troops contracted a company of raiders who after a short fight retreated leavihg 39 dead.

LAWYERS IN RAICHUR SUSPEND PRACTICE

Three Student Satyagrahis Arrested In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) March 9, (A.P.I.): Mr. K. M. Munshi, Indian Agent-General in Hyderabad, returned here today from Delhi.

Three students were taken into custody this evening in Sultan Bazar area when they offered satyagraha by raising slogans and attempted to take out a procession.

Legal practitioners in Raichur, South Western District of the Hyderabad State suspended practice from March 6 according to the Publicity Secretary of the Pleaders' Protest Committee.

Gowliguda near Osmanshahi and Kazipura areas of the city have been declared plague infected localities following the outbreak of plague in these areas.

New Cabinet For Japan

Conservative, Middle-Of-The Road Body

TOKYO, March 9 (UPA): Hotoshi Ashida today completed the formation of his Cabinet which will be investedon Wednesday.

The Cabinet is considered a slightly Conservative middle-of-the-road body.

Ashida, who is a Democratic Party leader, will hold the premiership and the Foreign Minister post concurrently. This means that the Democrats will hold seven Cabinet posts.

Although the outgoing Premier, Tetsu Katayama, refused to join the new Cabinet, his Social Democratic Party holds the largest number of ministerships, with eight. The People's Co-operative Party got two ministerships.

New Aid To Atom Splitting

OXFORD (England), March 9 (Reuter) New inroads into the field of atomic research will be made shortly at Oxford University with the aid of a new type of atom-splitting "betatron" which was delivered to the University today

Oxford scientists were working on a machine of this type as early as 1938 but with the outbreak of war the quest had to be abandoned and the first betatron was produced by the General Electric Company in the United States.

British Engineers and Scientists have achieved a new success, however, by reducing the size of the instrument.

Noel Baker To Fly To U. S. On Thursday

LONDON, March 9, (Reuter): Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, is now likely to fly to the United States on Thursday for the renewed hearing of the Kashmir dispute before the United Nations Security Council, according to official quarters here tonight.

Mr. Noel-Baker had intended to be at Lake Success for the re-opening of the talks tomorrow but he has been delayed by a slight indisposition from which it is understood he has now largely recovered.

Britain Faces National Bankruptcy

Further Aid From U. S. Alone Can Avert Calamity

LONDON, March 9. (U.P.A.): The Government today bluntly warned that only a further United States aid can save Britain from national bankruptcy, wholesale unemployment and a steadily declining standard of living.

The grim assessment of Britain's plight was contained in the Government's "Economic Survey for 1948". It showed for the first time to a full extent that Britain was depending on the United States European Recovery Programme.

CANADIAN LOAN DWINDLING

LONDON, March 9, (Reuter): Britain last week drew 6,000,000 dollars from her Canadian loan, in addition to drawing the last 100,000,000 dollars of the United States loan, it was learned today.

This leaves 9,000,000 dollars still to be drawn from the Canadian Loan this month to complete the agreed drawings of 45,000,000 dollars this quarter.

In each of the two previous months Britain drew 15,000,000 dollars from the Canadian Loan, as against 40,000,000 dollars a month in the last quarter of 1947.

Marshall Plan Legislation

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Reuter): Selected Senate and Lower House leaders were called to a joint meeting here today in an effort to get Marshall Plan legislation moved through both Chambers by April 1, the deadline sought by the State Department.

Mr. Joseph Martin, Speaker of the House, told Mr. Marshall, United States Secretary of State, yesterday, that the House expected to finish its work on the aid scheme by April 10, or soon after. This time table, however, called for aid action on Europe to be coubled with aid to China, Turkey and Greece.

STOP PRESS

VATICAN PRIEST ARRESTED

ROME March 9 (Reuter) Rome Police, acting on the request of the Vatican, today arrested Monsignor E. Cippico, Priest who escaped from the Vatican last Wednesday after unfrocking and detention on charges of "falsifications and swindles".

AYYANGAR "OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT KASHMIR

NEW YORK, March, 9 (UPA) Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar chief of the Indian delegatioh, maintained today in an interview with the United Press of America that, "I am always an optimist" and said that since he returned from New Delhi he "sensed a change in the sentiment among members of the Security Council."

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IN KOREA

SEOUL, March 9, (U.P.A): The hopes that elections in May will lead to a National Government received a sharp setback today when the United Nations Commission announced that the Little Assembly's resolution was still only "under consideration" and presumably was not yet regarded as the final plan of action.

RUSSIA AND U. N. PALESTINE PARTITION PROGRAMME

LAKE SUCCESS, March 9, (U.P.A.): A high Soviet source said today that Russia will insist that the United Nations Palestine partition programme "must be carried out."

INDONESIAN FEDERAL GOVT.

BATAVIA, March 9 (Reuter): Indonesia's Interim Federal Government was installed today by Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Dutch Lieutenant Governor General at a ceremony here.

BRITISH NOTE TO GUATEMALA

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter) Britain today sent a note to Guatemala, the third within a week, stating that unless she was prepared to submit her dispute over British Honduras to international arbitration, she should abandon present anti-British attitude.

MACARTHUR CONTESTING U. S. PRESIDENTSHIP

WASHINGTON, March 9 (Reuter): Campaign to elect General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander in Tokyo to be President of the United States swung into action here today after the General's announcement of his willingness to run.

Finland's Seven-Man Delegation To Moscow

PAASIKIVI ACCEPTS STALIN'S INVITATION

Premier Pekkala Authorised To Negotiate Mutual-Aid Treaty

HELSINKI, Mar. 9, (U.P.A.): Finland will send a seven-man delegation, headed by Premier Mauno Pekkala, to Moscow to negotiate an alliance, the Foreign Office announced today.

Foreign Minister Carl Enckell will be a member of the delegation. The naming of the delegation closely followed the decision by President Juho K. Paasikivi, after consultation with the Cabinet, to accept Stalin's invitation.

Pekkala was authorised to sign any documents drafted during the negotiations. Other members of the delegation were Vice Foreign Minister Reinhold Svento, Interior Minister Yrjo Leino, Onni Peltonen, Dr. Johan Otto Soederhjelm and Urho Kekkonen.

COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN

The United Press of America learned that the Communists may climax their systematic propaganda campaign with a big mass meeting before the delegation goes to Moscow.

Tonight, the Finnish-Russian Society has scheduled a meeting in Helsini's big fair hall with several leading communists scheduled to speak.

Reuter adds: Although the Mission has full powers, the draft agreement must be ratified by the Finnish Parliament before it becomes binding.

A team of military experts under the leadership of General Arne Sihvo, Finnish Commander-in-Chief, will accompany the Delegation to Moscow.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

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NEW YORK, March 9.

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Bugs 'Occupy' Telephone Exchange For 36 Hours

BERLIN, March 9. (Reuter): All the telephones in the small Ruhr town of Radevormsald were out of order for 36 hours when bed bugs squatted in the telephone exchange there and multiplied so rapidly that operators refused to carry on and walked out. After fumigation, the lodgers left and the operators returned.

U. SAW TO APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT

RANGOON, March 9, (Reuter): The Defence Counsel of U Saw, former Burmese Premier, now under sentence of death for his part in the assassination of U Aung San and Members of his Cabinet last July, confirmed today that he was seeking permission to take the case to the Supreme Court.

He was writing to the Attorney-General to bring U Saw's case to the highest judicial body in Burma, after dismissal yesterday of an application for retrial by the Rangoon High Court.

Eight of those accused with U Saw were petitioning Shwe Thaik, the Burmese President, for clemency, it was learned.

LONDON, March 9, (Reuter): R. V. Stanley who took the first British Rugby team to South American in 1910 has resigned from the committee of the Rugby Union.

Mountbatten Urges Indian Press To Look 10 Years Ahead

Governor-General's Tribute To National Outlook Of Provincial Papers

CALCUTTA, MARCH, 9, (A.P.I.): HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA, EARL MOUNTBATTEN, PAID A TRIBUTE TO THE PRESTIGE OF THE PROVINCIAL PRESS IN INDIA AND THEIR NATIONAL OUTLOOK, AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN TO HIM AND LADY MOUNTBATTEN BY THE BENGAL PRESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HERE TODAY.

His Excellency replying to the welcome said that in the exciting days of the attainment of Indian freedom, the press had, on the whole, behaved with remarkable restraint. When Mahatma Gandhi came here on his peace mission, he told him (Lord Mountbatten) that it was the press that helped him more than anything else in bringing about peace at the time of the partition of East and West Bengal. When Gandhiji died, more was written about him in the newspapers of the world than was written about any other man. Great as Gandhiji was, and lofty as his principles were, what was it that made him world famous, His Excellency asked. Mainly it was the press. Gandhiji hardly ever broadcast. Really he was known throughout the length and breadth, not only of India, but of the civilised world, through the medium of the press.

PRESTIGE OF THE PRESS

His Excellency said that he had been round now in Bombay Madras and Calcutta, and these three great presidencies were where the great provincial press functioned. He was struck by the prestige of the press in these centres and their national outlook, which was all the more remarkable, when he realised that they were separated from the capital by vast distances. In the United Kingdom, the press kept in touch with the capital without difficulty as the distances were small but here the press in Madras Bombay and Calcutta were suffering the handicap of distances of a whole continent; But somehow they managed to keep in touch with the pulse of the national life and reflect the national feeling in regard to the policy which the Government of the time might adopt.

Earl Mountbatten said that it was extremely kind of the Committee to give such a warm welcome to his wife and himself. What they had said about himself was very much too flattering. Anything that they (Lord and Lady Mountbatten) had been able to achieve had been made possible by the warm friendship and trust that they had received on all hands. "On the day we arrived" His Excellency said "the leaders themselves held out their hands of friendship in a remarkable way. Gandhiji himself gave us his friendship, a most delighful friendship I have no doubt that in Pandit Nehru the Prime Minister we have one of the greatest statesmen alive today. Even after I leave India I hope I shall not lose his friendship. Sardar Patel is another man whose friendship I value very much, a leader with a remarkable sense of humour who, although he appears tough to the outside world is very easy and friendly.

Lord Mountbatten asked the Editors to look forward ten years when they sat down to write articles or to criticise anything that might have happened. That is what I try to do myself he said. I try to look ten years ahead and see how what I have said and done will read at the bar of history. The more we can become detached, and made decision or write articles that will read well ten years after the better it will be for a country like India which is just in the threshold of freedom and has thousands of years ahead of it. We are leaving India in the third week of June in bodily sense, but when we do that, we shall be leaving behind our hearts, and that I say most sincerely His Excellency added.

Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, Convenor of the Bengal Press Advisory Committee, paid a high tribute to Lord Mountbatten for his tactful and sympathetic handling of the difficult Indian problem.

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BOMBAY RACES

Doorani Triumphs In Slow Run Governor-General's Cup

Firm Favourites Disappoint

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Large festive crowds made costly venture at Mahaluxmi today when with no exception, firm favourites went down like pins.

Mr. Wandekar's Doorani scored a comfortable win in a slow run race in the last classic, the Governor General's Cup over fourteen furlongs. The even-money favourite, Kunigal Star cracked up a furlong from home after chasing the winner for a long way. Doorani was the winner at every post and put day light between himself and the opponents all along the journey and passed the winning post 3½ lengths in front of Star of Mahad who came from far rear with a rare burst. Post Master was third and Jane Jigar finished fourth.

The sport, besides costly to the punters was extremely dull with practically all the winners very easy to shout long way from the winning post.

Chocolate Baby, the raging favourite who placed late third in the Bijapur Plate was the day's unlucky loser. Rao Saheb Parker's usefully speedy mare lost over eight lengths at the kick off and finished 3¼ lengths behind the winner, Mauretania. This meritorious performance makes plain that a nice race is in offing.

The treble pool was solved by twenty-eight punters each of whom collected Rs. 5,291-8.

The following are the results:—

THE WORLI PLATE. Division III.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wadia's AROMA 8-12 Uttamsingh 1
Mrs. A. L. J. Talib's ON AND ON 8-12 Khheemsingh 2
Mrs. E. A. Forsyth's HAPPINESS 8-12 Shaikh 3
Mr. N. H. Tata's LADY- IN-WAITING 8-12 Aurobinda 4
Not run: Mirella.
Won by: 3 1/2 lengths, 5 lengths.
2 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 4 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 38. Places Rs. 13, Rs. 12 and Rs. 16.
Trainer: W. Buckley.

THE WORLI PLATE. Division II.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Khan Saheb S. Rashid Ahmed and Sultan Moloobhoy's VIE ON 8-12 Kheemsingh 1
Messrs. Mahomed Nafa and Sevaram Dipchand's GIPSY FLOWER 8-12 Damodar 2
Mr. Osman Chotani's PRINCESS PAKISTAN 8-12 Uttamsingh .. 3
Sir Sultan Chinoy's SHAHISTAH 8-12 Purtusingh 4
Not run: Midinette and Primrose Bridge.
Won by: 2 1/2 lengths, 1 1/2 lengths head.
Time: 1 minute 5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 38. Places Rs. 15, Rs. 12 and Rs. 31.
Trainer: A. L. J. Talib.

THE BIJAPUR PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

Messrs Sultan Moloobhoy and Syed Wajid Ali's MAURETANIA 8-6 Kheemsingh 1
Mr F H Mehta's PARTHIAN 8-6 Purshotam 2
Rao Saheb D K Parker"s CHOCOLATE BABY 8-7 P Khade .. 3
Mr J D Banatwalla's BLACK PAGE Cunningham 4
Not run: Thalwil.
Won by: 1 1/2 lengths, 1 3/4 lengths, 4 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 42 4/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 160. Places Rs. 29, Rs. 15 and Rs. 13
Trainer: A L J Talib.

THE WORLI PLATE. Division I.—Distance 5 furlongs.

Mr Eve's STAR SAPHIRE 8-12 B Khalil 1
Khan Saheb S Rashid Ahmed and Sultan Moloobhoy's SHOW ON 8-12 Kheemsingh 2
Major A Svamvur's BIG HEARTED 8-12 Percival 3
Mr Osman Chotani's PRINCESS OF HINDUSTAN 8-12 Damodar 4
Not run: Trunk Call and Down South.
Won by: 1 length, 1 1/2 lengths, Neck.
Time: 1 minute 4 1/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 50. Places Rs. 17, Rs. 28 and Rs. 29
Trainer: Major Jadhav.

THE COLEYANA PLATE. Division II—Distance 1/4 miles.

Major A Svamvur's ALL OUT 8-5 Percival 1
Capt. S A Rashid's PATRICIA'S CHOICE 8-3 Antoo 2
Mr and Mrs F D Wadia's RIVIERA 8-8 Roberts 3
Mr N V Thaker's HOME SPUN 7-7 Purtusingh 4
Not run: Boswell.
Won by: 2 1/4 lengths, 2 1/4 lengths, 1 1/4 lengths.
Time: 2 minutes 13 3/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 92. Places Rs. 23, Rs. 14 and Rs. 15
Trainer: J Boniface.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CUP—THE INDIAN ST. LEGER.—Distance 1 3 4 miles.

Mr R T Wandekar's DOORANI 9-0 P Khade 1
Mr G R Kolte and Rao Saheb D B Bhilare's STAR OF MAHAD 9-0 Damodar 2
Mr Osman Chotani's POST MASTER 9-0 Amir Ahmed 3
Messrs. Chandulal J Shah and M H Ahmedbhoy's JANE JIGAR 9-0 Kheemsingh 4
Not run: All Out, and Paper King.
Won by: 3 1/2 lengths, 1 1/4 lengths, 1 2 length.
Time: 3 minutes 15 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 79. Places Rs. 27, Rs. 35 and Rs. 37
Trainer: Hassanalli

THE COLEYANA PLATE. Division I—Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Mr Osman Chotani's PAN SUPARI 9-0 Ganesh 1
Mr Dawoodbhai Esoufally's MR. O. K. 8-5 Purtusingh 2
Shrimant Y P Ghatge and Prince Jaysinh's COEUR D'OR 8-9 Aurobindo 3
Messrs A G Rangilla and M H Alimahomed's BRILLIANT SUNSHINE 8-4 Sheikh 4
Not run: Miss Rutty.
Won by: 4 lengths, 2 1/2 lengths, 1 length.
Time: 2 minutes 12 2/5 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 59. Places Rs. 24, Rs. 31 and Rs. 31
Trainer: E. Mahomed.

THE PALANPUR PLATE. Distance 1 mile 1 furlong.

Mrs. Justice's FIRST ROYALTY 8-11 Jones 1
Miss G K Mamajiwalla's JAWAHIR 8 8 Kheemsingh 2
Mr M D Petit's FLOTILLA 8-10 N Dar 3
The Chief of Patdi and Mrs. P J Sheth's PANCHALI 7-12 P Khade 4
Not run: Rajput Warrior and Gipsy Moon.
Won by: 3 1/2 lengths, 5 lengths, 6 lengths.
Time: 1 minute 54 seconds.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 40. Places Rs. 15, Rs. 15 and Rs. 16.
Trainer: W Coomber

THE LOVEGROVE PLATE.—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mr A J Moshi's AROWHENA 7-12 Cunningham 1
Messrs. J D Banatwalla and D N Khambata's FLYING ARROW 8-1 N Dar 2
Rao Saheb D K Parker's GEORGIE 8-8 S Chavan 3
Lady Sherbanoo Chinoy's JUBILATION 7-6 Purtusingh 4
Not run: Princess Sheila.
Tote paid: Win Rs. 56. Places Rs. 16, Rs. 15 and Rs. 19.
Trainer: A Abbas.

150 KILOMETRES ROAD RACE (CYCLE)

A 150 Kilometres Road Race (massed start) organised by the Bombay Provincial Olympic Association will be held on Sunday the 14th instant at 6-45 a.m. sharp from Sion Causeway.

Start:- Sion Causeway Time:- 6-45 a.m. Route:- Bombay Poona main Road. Entry Fee:- Rupee One per competitor.

Last date of entry:—Saturday 13th March till 12 Noon.

Entries will be received by the undersigned at the Sports Secretariat, Brabourne Stadium (North), or at 8, Alexandra Road, New Gamdevi, Bombay 7.

NEW RECORD IN RANJI MATCH

MADRAS, March 8, (A.P.I.): Mr. S. K. Gurunathan Honorary Official Statistician of the Board of control for Cricket in India in a statement says that the partnership of 360 runs between Uday Merchant and M N. Raiji for Bombay against Hyderabad in the semi-final of the Ranji Trophy at Bombay yesterday is a new record for the fifth wicket in the championship matches. the previous best being 325 between Vijay Merchant and K. M. Rangnekar for Bombay against Sind in 1945.

When he made his twentieth run of Sunday Uday Merchant completed his thousand runs in the championship matches and with his 217 yesterday his aggregate is 1197.

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Applications must reach the Military Sub-Area Headquarters before 20th March, 1948. AC 334

Bromwich's Apathy For Air Travels

MAY CLASH WITH L.T.A.A.'S DAVIS CUP PROVISO

SYDNEY, March 8 (Reuter): John Bromwich has stated that he will not change his attitude concerning air travel for the Davis Cup this year.

The agreement which the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia has sent to prospective members of the Davis Cup team to make the tour this year stipulates that players must be prepared to travel by air if required.

Bromwich has consistently refused to travel by air.

Other prospective members of this year's team—Adrian Quist, Bill Sidwell, Geoff Brown, Colin Long and Frank Sedgman are available to fly.

Whether the L.T.A.A. will reconsider the clause in the agreement dealing with flying is not known.

On the last Davis Cup tour, Bromwich and Brown travelled to London and from America to Australia by ship; Denis Pails and Colin Long flew those sections of the trip.

Indian Players Shine On First Day

COLOMBO, March 9, (Reuter): Indian Table Tennis players who arrived here to play a series of matches won all the five matches of their first days play against an All-Ceylon side.

Local players were in good torm and D. N. Pestonjee forced the Indian champion Sivaram to concede 18 and 15 points in two sets. Kumar Ghosh of the Indian Team impressed with his effortless ease and grace when he defeated N. Udeshi 21/14, 21/17.

The results were:—

SINGLES: Sivaram beat D. N. Pestonjee 21/18, 21/15
Ramaswamy beat C. Daniel 21/11, 21/11.
Kumar Gosh beat N. Udeshi 21/14, 21/17.

DOUBLES: Sivaram and Ramaswamy beat A.E.W. Jayasekara and D. E. Salgado 21/12, 21/5.

Sivaram and Ghosh beat A. Vythialingam and H. Hoole 21/14, 21/13.

The Indian stars are expected to spend about ten days in the island.

IRISH HOSPITALS SWEEPSTAKES

DUBLIN, March 9, (U.P.A.): Fans in an elaborate electric mixer today started a two-day mixing of millions of tickets for the 62nd drawing of the Irish Hospitals sweepstakes which is expected to distribute a prize fund of more than £ 1,250,000.

The actual figures will not be disclosed until just before the drawing on Thursday when twenty-four nurses will pull the fortune laden counterfoils from a drum.

The sweepstake is based on the Grand National which will be run at Aintree on March 20.

BOMBAY OLYMPIC ROAD RACE

BOMBAY, March 9 (A.P.I.) — A 150 milometres road race (massed start) organised by the Bombay Provincial Olympic Association will be held on Sunday the 14th March. The race will start at the Sion Causeway at 6-45 A.M. and the route will be the Bombay-Poona main road.

MADRAS, March 8 (A.P.I.): The Working Committee of the Pan-Asiatic Federation Madras has passed a resolution mourning the death of Dr. B. S. Moonje and suggesting the formation of an All-India Committee to organise a memorial to the departed leader.

GOANS PREVAIL OVER M. BAGAN

Invitation Hockey Starts

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

GOANS	2
MOHAN BAGAN	1

After a keenly contested match, the Goans were rather fortunate to survive by the narrow margin of two goals to one. Both the goals were scored by inside-right Pinto, the second coming from a penalty awarded as the Mohan Bagan custodian tripped L. D'Souza while he was speeding towards the goal.

It was however, the losers who drew the first blood less than five minutes after the start opening their account through their centre-forward Dayal. The shot that placed them in the lead was a feeble one and certainly did not deserve a goal; Pinto between the bars failing to stop a fairly easy and none too hard a shot. After this the winner formed themselves into an attacking unit and very shortly afterwards the equaliser was scored from a scrimage. The Goan side which was entirely composed of former Lusitanian players who had all played together had the advantage of knowing the game of their team-mates and suiting themselves accordingly They, however, were unable to derive the maximum advantage of this fact as several players failed to touch the form. As the leader of the attack Lenny D'Souza was good only in the beginning, fading away as the match progressed. Nor were his colleagues in the front line D'Sa and L. Vaz, the latter sustained an injury early in the match, were repeatedly caught on the wrong foot and impeded the forward movement of the front line. To a somewhat lesser extent G. Perreira and Gama were also in the midst of an indifferent patch. Added to this was the fact during the closing stages of the match the visitors from Bengal pressed hard and repeatedly and were often within an ace of the equaliser which eluded them only because they failed to translate their opportunities into goals.

An excellent pass along the goalmouth from Adhikari, which had got past everybody including Pinto went to Inderjit, who fumbled with the ball and lost a golden chance or restoring equality. On another occasion Dayal failed to connect with a first timer in front of the goal mouth. There were certainly more than half a dozen corners that the losers forced during the last fifteen minutes of the game. They failed to score and lost the opportunity of at least winning a replay if not winning the match also.

In the deep defence Mushtaq Ahmed was brilliant, He often broke up a move that might have assumed dangerous proportions if allowed to go on and terminated many a shrewd pass on the half line. His defence enabled his side to venture into some attacking, for he often ventured into his opponents' territory if he found a clear passage.

THE TEAMS:

GOANS: Pinto; D. D'Souza and W. D'Souza; Gama, G. Perreira and M. Vaz; L. Vaz, L. D'Sa, L. D'Souza, J. Pinto and L. Fernandes.

MOHAN BAGAN: N. Mookerjee; Mushtaq Ahmed and D. Pal; S. Mookerjee, A. Mookerjee and S. Chakrawarty; C. S. Dubey, Inderjit Rai, D. Dayal, Khushal Singh and A. Adhikari.

WEDNESDAY AT 5-30 P.M.

Kalyanmals vs. Railways.

FERRIER GAINS MIAMI INTERNATIONAL FINALS

MIAMI, (Florida), March 9, (U.P.A.): Husky Jim Ferrier, transplanted Australian who is now playing from San Francisco, and slender Cary Middlecoff, former dentist from Memphis, Tennessee, were pitted today against Ellsworth Vines and Ed Furgol in the finals of the dol. 10,000 Miami International four-ball golf tournament.

Ferrier and Middlecoff gained the finals when they dumped Horman Keiser and John Palmer, two and one Earlier in the day, they turned back Bobby Locke of Johannesburg, South Africa and Lloyd Mangrum Chicago one up after 37 holes.

Ferrier, especially, gained on the 29th hole and his booming drives kept his team well in front. On the 460-yard 31st hole, the red-faced Aussie used a No. 2 iron.

W. BENGAL MOVE TO CONTROL RACING

Bill To Be Introduced In Assembly Shortly

CALCUTTA, March 9, (A.P.I.): The Government of West Bengal propose to arm themselves with powers for the licensing of race-courses in this Province. With this object in view they are introducing a Bill called the West Bengal Race Courscs Licensing Bill 1948 shortly.

The Bill, which was published today provides that in granting a license Government may levy a license fee and impose conditions relating to the training of jockyes and such other matters connected with horse race as considered necessary of expedient in the public interests.

The Bill is expected to come into force from April 1 next.

WESTERN INDIA SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP

BOMBAY, March 9, (A.P.I.): Sixteen entries hav been received for the Western India Snooker Championship, which will commence at the same venue on Sunday March 14. The following is the result o th draws:—

Top half: Commissariat ve. D. F. Katrak, A. Claudius vs. A. R. Sequera, "A" player vs. S. F. Karaka, P Edwards vs. R. Dina.

Bottom half: U. M. Chiwalla vs. K. S. Gharda, B. M. Kapadia vs H. S. Peermohamed, K. Vissanji vs. P/L T Singh, P. D. Bulinoria vs. A. Pinto Phillips.

RANJI TROPHY

Bombay's Innings Victory

Qureishi's Gallant Effort

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Hyderabad (First Innings)	282
Bombay (First Innings)	892
Hyderabad (Second Innings)	214

Shortly after tea time on the fourth day of the second semi-final Bombay qualified to meet Holkar in the final of the Ranji Trophy by virtue of an overwhelming victory over Hyderabad by an innings and 146 runs.

Qureishi and to a lesser extent Aibara appeared to be the only batsmen who persevered in an attempt to reduce the hugeness of the task confronting them. Qureishi was the last but one to be dismissed, or rather the eighth batsman to return towards the pavilion as Ibrahim Khan was unable to bat today owing to the strained music sustained on the second day.

Qureishi's dismissal when only six runs short of his century was tragic for a gallant player who never gave up his determined fight against heavy odds. He played patiently and well and choosing the right ball to hit seldom gave much of a chance to the bowlers. The second new ball was too much for him, however, and he provided Umrigar with his only wicket of the evening.

Guard's six wickets for 46 runs, though slightly flattering were nevertheless well deserved. His length in this innings was less erratic and he commanded more respect. It was, however, Raiji who was the mainstay of the attack.

Bombay will now meet Holkar in the final of the Ranji to be played to a finish at Indore commencing on the 20th and will be considerably strengthened by the inclusion of Phadkar and probably Rangnekar.

HYDERABAD (Second Innings)

Nizam Yar Khan b Guard	1
Ali Hussein c Kore b Guard	3
Assadullah Qureishi c Mantri b Umrigar	94
Ashgar Ali b Raiji	16
E. B. Aibara c Irani b Raiji	37
Bharat Chand Khanna c Raiji b Guard	1
Ghulam Ahmed b Guard	6
M. A. Rauf c Irani b Guard	24
Rahim not out	10
Bhoopathy b Guard	3
Ibrahim Khan did not bat	
Extras	13
Total	214

FALL OF WICKETS:— 1/1, 2/10 3/34, 4v97, 5/114, 6/120, 7/188, 8/211, and 9/214.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
P. R. Umrigar	8	3	14	1
G. M. Guard	21.1	10	46	6
V. R. Amladi	16	5	28	0
M. N. Raiji	31	8	73	2
J. J. Kore	15	3	27	0
B. R. Irani	6	1	13	0

UMPIRES:— Messrs. Bhave and Karmarkar.

Callover On Lincolnshire And Grand National

LONDON, March 8 (Reuter): Callover on the Lincolnshire Handicap running next Saturday, March 13 and the Grand National Steeplechase running at Aintree Liverpool on March 20 was held at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

Prices offered were (LINCOLNSHIRE): 20 to 1, Clarion and Flexton offered, 22 to 1 taken; 22 to 1 Cresta Cup offered, 25 to 1 taken; 25 to 1 Philadelphe and Kinsale offered, 28 to 1 taken, 28 to 1 Catchlight, Provident and Patron Saint all taken and offered, 33 to 1 Aigle Royal, Bellmick and Lord Nelson all taken offered; 33 to 1 Lucky Jordan offered, 40 to 1 taken; 33 to 1 Bees Gorse offered; 40 to 1 All Red taken and offered 40 to 1 Kilbelin Bay and Commissar offered, 50 to 1 taken; 40 to 1 Pathouly offered; 50 to 1 Helicon and Losielle both taken and offered, 50 to 1 Donimo, Clever Lad and Privy Purse offered.

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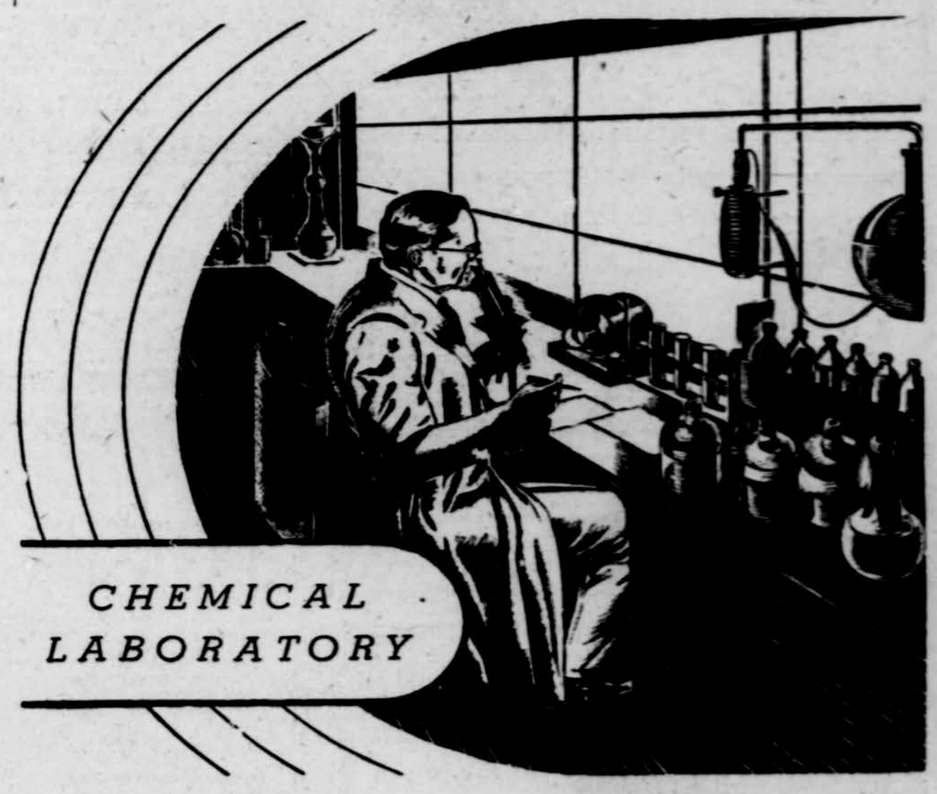

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Hightide: 00-06, 12-06.
Lowtide: 06-15, 18-01.
Municipal Schools Committee 3 p.m. (B. T.).
Municipal Standing Committe 3-30 p.m. (B. T.).

To-day's Engagements

FARVARDEGAN FESTIVAL AT PETIT FASALI ATASHKADEH: From today, 10th to 20th instant, Farvardegan Festival at Petit Fasali Atashkadeh, New Marine Lines. Daily at 6-30 p.m. Dasturji Bode will lead the Hambandagi and deliver a sermon. Today (Wednesday), Staom Hambandagi and Dasturji Bode will deliver a lecture on "Explanation of Staom Prayer".

THE AGA KHAN LEGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The meeting also congratulated the Hon. Mr. Mohamedali Currim Chagla on his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.

BOMBAY TAMIL SANGHAM: Lecture on the 'Works of Mahakavi Bharati' by Mr. A. P. Janardhanan, Editor of 'Tozan', Madras, at 8-30 p.m., at the Sangham premises.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Power of Regeneration"—A talk to be followed by questions and answers today, at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

BOMBAY GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION: Mr. K. T. Mantri, special Literacy Officer, on "Sources of Geography Teaching" at Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Institution, opp. Charni Road Railway Station, Queens Road, Bombay today, at 6 p.m.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: H. E. Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, and Rani Maharaj Singh, will visit the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Megji Mathradas Arts College and Narrondass Manordass Institute of Science, Andheri, today, at 9 a.m., when His Excellency will unveil the bronze bust of Gandhiji in the College premises.

"AN INSPECTOR CALLS: The two performances of "An Inspector Calls" will be staged at the St. Xavier's College Hall on the 11th March, at 6-30 p.m., tickets have been priced at Rs. 10, 5, 2-8, 1/4, and are available at Messrs. Rose & Co., Rampart Row, Fort. A special concession tickets of annas 10 is available for students in batches of 10 or more. Any institutions desiring this concession should contact Messrs. S. Rose & Co., Telephone No. 20395.

PHOHIBITION GUARDS: A meeting of the Officers Commanding and other officers in the Council Hall, Fort, Bombay, today, at 5-30 p.m.

AGA KHAN LEGION CONDOLES MAHATMA'S DEATH

Aga Khan Legion Executive Committee, Bombay, has passed a resolution condoling the death of Mahatma Gandhi.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, March 10, (Wednesday).
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Dattoba Tawde (Jogia) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Mohammad Ismail (Sarangi) 8-45 Dattoba Tawde (Todi) 12-0 p.m. Variety programme (H, U and H) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Sab Ki Pasand (Geet) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 New Mayfair Orchestra 2-0 Sandy MacPherson: Organ (Felton Rapley) 2-15 Marek Weber and His Orch. (Strauss) 4-20 School Broadcasts (Antar-Rashtriya) 5-0 Haribhau Apte (M) 5-30 Sheikhlal Qawwal and Party (Naat Hameed) 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Leela Joshi (Vocal) 6-30 Sheikhlal Qawwal and Party 6-45 Badrayan Ni Kavita (G Geet) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Leela Joshi (Vocal) 7-30 Businessman: Interview with a businessman Interviewer: Habib Tanvir 7-45 "Andhar Andhar" 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Bhagat Wani—Selections from old Religious poets Read by P. Trivedi 8-45 Chhaya Ani Prakash: Drishya Dusaren (M) by Aravinda Gokhale 9-0 News (E) 9-40 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Musical Interlude 9-45 Woman of Leisure. A mock trial in English 10-0 Kavi Sammelan.

VARIATIONS.
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Gujarati Songs 5-45 p.m. P. G. Parab (Sitar) 6-15 Rural Listeners.
61.43 m.—(4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Com. News 8-0 Wamanrao Sadolikar (Vocal); 9-0 Vamanrao Sadolikar (Shankara) 10-15 Chamber Music.

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MILL-TURNER DIES OF BURNS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Shankar Ramayya, a turner in Shri Niyas Cotton Mills, as a result of an accidental slip, fell straight into the hot water tank, in the Mill, received severe burns and injuries, and was removed to the K.E.M. Hospital, where he died today.

It appears, he was standing on a wet plank above the hot-water tank, preliminary to washing his clothes he accidentally slipped, resulting in his being scalded to death.

World Federation Of Democratic Youth

Miss Kitty Boomla member Executive Committee, World Federation of Democratic Youth writes:—

"As a member of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Democratic Youth I should like to make a very strong protest against the statements made in the Free Press Journal of March 8th, regarding the South East Asian Youth Conference held in Calcutta last month. The statement as they appear in the 'Calcutta Newsletter' are completely false They totally disregard the truly representative character of both the Conference and of the delegates who participated in it; and furthermore, they do not give all the facts. This is not the first time that such attacks have been made against our Conference and the W.F.D.Y.

It is clear that the opposition to the W.F.D.Y. and the Conference does not stop at the youth levels thrown which it was expressed last month. its roots go deeper than that, and it arises because of the firm, uncompromising anti-imperialist stand of the Conference. 'Calcutta Newsletter' says that the South East Asian Youth Conference was organised by the Communist Party of India. This is quite untrue. The Conference was organised by the W.F.D.Y and the I.U.S. The W.F.D.Y. is a democratically elected democratically functioning organisation, representing 50 million young people and youth organisations of political, social cultural, sports and religious character from 63 countries. The I.U.S. represents two and a half million young students from 50 countries. The delegates to the Conference came from the fighting revolutionary youth of S.E. Asia. From the Vietnamese youth organisation representing several million young people, from the Indonesian Youth Federation of 2½ million, from China representing 1,500,500 students, from Burma representing 250,000 young people; from Malayan New Democratic Youth League, from the Students of Phillipines and Ceylon, from Pakistan and the youth of India

These young people came from organisations which represent the majority of their youth, holding widely different opinions and creeds, but who are all agreed on a common programme of fighting for their just demands and aspirations against the manoeuvres of all those elements who seek to oppress the youth and disrupt its fighting unity.

Statements emanating from the Asian Youth Festival (appearing in "Bombay Chronicle") have made similar attacks against our Conference. We do not know anything about the Asian Youth Festival. But it it is pertinent to asg why, for a festival organised for the purpose of "promoting goodwill and friendly relationship among the youth of the Asian countries" so much emphasis is laid on the "great opportunity" this Festival provides" for trade-contracts, sales and publicity"? The young people of Asia have a right to ask if this is the call and appeal to be made to them at a time when they are engaged in a life and death struggle against Imperialism and its colonialist toadies? If these are to be the "leading features" of this gathering then it has nothing whatsoever to do with a 'Festival of Youth'

In the W.F.D.Y. we try to represent the real interests of young people in the conditions and circumstances in which they find themselves today, robbed of the fruits of their long sacrifice during the grim years of war and colonial exploitation. We shall continue to do so despite all threats, slandersand intimidations here as elsewhere in the world for behind us stand the true, revolutionary fighting sons and daughters of Asia and the word."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Tuesday

The Governor of Bombay received Dr. S. Jesudason and Dr. Raja Savarivayan.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh attended an "At Home" given by various Christian Organisations at the Robert Money School, Girgaum where they received by Dr. J. Alban De Souza.

KARWAR, March 6 (A.P.I.): Ten members of the R.S.S. including nine students who had been under detention since February last under Bombay Public Security Measures Act, were released on Saturday under orders of the District Magistrate of Karwar.

BOMBAY BAKERS THREATEN STRIKE

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The stark possibility of going without a single loaf of bread faces the citizens of Bombay if the threat of the 200 Bombay bakeries to shut their ovens materialises.

These bakeries which are members of the Bombay Bakers' Association, it is said, had made repeated appeals to Government for certain concessions in the rationing regulations pertaining to the supply of flour.

As their appeals have failed, it is said, these 200 bakeries which between them monopolise the city's bread supply have issued a warning to the bread-eating public that soon they may have to stop baking if their demands on Government are not met.

The final decision as to when the contemplated stoppage should start is expected to be taken at a meeting of all bakers which is to be held during the week-end.

Bombay Hindus Observe Maha Shivaratri

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Hindus of Bombay observed Maha Sivaratri today with due solemnity. In the morning, crowds started pouring into Chowpatty to have a dip in the sea on this auspicious occasion. Sugar-cane vendors, panwallas, and vendors of sundry eatables who had mustered strong on the sea-face, did a goodly volume of business—thanks to the ever-increasing crowds. Inspite of the roaring trade carried on by hawkers at Chowpatty, a good number of orthodox Hindus observed the day, in fasting and meditation.

The origin of this day can be traced back to the mists of antiquity and there is a quaint legend connected with the observance.

The legend goes that in the old days when India was full of rishis and holy men, a hunter roamed the forests the whole day, in search of prey. He did not succeed in tracking down any animal. When night fell, the man climbed a tree, to keep a vigil for fear that if he went to sleep on the ground, he might be devoured by wild animals.

Hungry and awake he spent part of the night on the branches, when he saw a deer near his perch. He just aimed his arrow at the animal, it spoke to him in human voice, saying "Spare my life, for I am with a young deer in me". He spared its life out of compassion, though he was hungry.

In the morning the deers returned as "apsaras" or divine dancers, and told him that Lord Siva, whose emissaries they were, was pleased with him, and together they all went to Kailas on a flower-decked "Vimana".

For thousands of years, devout Hindus have been observing this day, as Maha Siva Ratri. It is dedicated to fasting and prayers to Lord Siva.

GOVERNOR TO TOUR GUJARAT

BOMBAY, March 9: The Governor of Bombay, Sir Maharaj Singh and Rani Maharaj Singh will leave Bombay on March 13 on a tour of Ahmedabad, Kaira, Panchmahals, Broach and Surat districts.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh will return to Bombay on March 24.

KARACHI, March 9, (A.P.I.): Burma's Foreign Minister U. Tin Tut accompanied by his personal staff left Karachi by air for Calcutta en route to Rangoon early this morning, to be in time for Earl Louis Mountbatten's visit to Rangoon during this week.

J. Krishnamurthy, well-known theosophist who addressed city journalists at their club last week.

CHRISTIANS' 'AT HOME' TO GOVERNOR

(From A Correspondent)

BOMBAY Tuesday.

The Indian Christians of Bombay held an 'At Home' to meet His Excellency RAJA SIR MAHARAJ and RANI SINGH, in the Robert Money High School on Tuesday the 9th March. The compound was filled to capacity and included many notables of the metropolis. Of the themes of entertainment the song and music of Rise India received the enthusiastic reception. The writer and composer is Theodore Melville of Mangalore.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 9, (API): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1947 and departure from normal recorded at 8-0 hours (IST) on 9/3/48.

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Daily Weather Summary

POONA, March 9, (API): Following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday, the 9th March, 1948:—

Observations from the Western and Eastern Pakistan and North-East India are lacking. The disturbance over North-West and North-East Punjab has probably passed away eastwards.

The disturbance over east Baluchistan and Upper Sind lies over north Rajputana and the south Punjab and is likely to move North-Eastwards. A fresh active western disturbance is affecting Baluchistan and Sind. It is likely to move east—east-north Eastwards.

Rainfall has occurred locally in the West U. P. and at a few stations in Assam, Orissa, the East Punjab, Baluchistan, west Rajputana and the C. P.

Day temperatures have fallen in Rajputana and the U. P. but still continue well above normal from Rajputana to North-East India

FORECAST UNTIL TENTH EVENING:—Thunder-rain will be widespread in East Punjab and local in the West U. P. the West Punjab and Kashmir. Scattered thundershowers are also expected in Upper Assam. West Bengal, the Eastern Pakistan, along the Orissa coast, in the East U. P. the N.W.F.P., Sind, Baluchistan, Rajputana, Central India and the North C. P.

Day temperatures will fall in Central India and the North C. P. and will continue above normal in most parts of North-East India and the Eastern Pakistan.

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING:—Locally moderate to heavy rain is likely over the hills of the East Punjab and the West U. P. during the next 24 hours.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sense shines with a double lustre when set in humility. It is no great thing to be humble when you are brought low; but to be humble when you are praised is a great and rare attainment.

—ST. BERNARD.

The Bombay Chronicle

THE RIGHT POLICY

It is natural enough that people and politicians should feel concerned about the problem of the relationship of free India with Britain and other free countries of the world as also of its fundamental policy in international affairs. India's past record, its proclaimed principles, coupled with happenings in the U.N.O. and the developing world crisis, all invest the problem with special importance. And the concern that is being felt was reflected in the debate in the Indian Parliament on Monday last. A number of speakers wondered whether Indian leaders would after all decide that India remained in the British Commonwealth. But there need not be so much anxiety about it. As the Prime Minister reminded the House, the general position was defined by the Constituent Assembly right in the early stages and it would finally be decided, of course, by the Constituent Assembly. But it is already clear that "India would be a completely independent and sovereign Republic or Commonwealth or State, call it whatever you like". Such a republic or State will not be precluded from having special relations with Britain, which is possible and quite likely, too. But while there is much that makes it possible and mutually desirable for India and Britain to maintain close ties, there is also enough to make it clear that India cannot completely identify itself with Britain or the British Commonwealth. This great country would be untrue to the principles it has professed, advocated and fought for and to its future place in the world if it chose a path which involved at any stage compromising its freedom of action or surrendering its identity.

It follows, therefore, that its foreign policy must also be guided by the same considerations. Certain speakers were obviously influenced by the bitter experience of the unexpectedly peculiar attitude of U.N.O. towards India and by the world situation, which is fast deteriorating into cataclysmic war. Under this dual influence they urged the pursuit of a "realistic" policy including participation in one or other of the two blocs that are being consolidated by the Big Powers. It is not an understandable suggestion. But it ignores certain fundamentals, which would be defeated by its adoption. India, as Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru emphasised, is a potential Big Power—big enough, incidentally, to cause anxious interest to others and to suffer for its bigness,—and cannot lose its future by losing itself into some other big Power's bloc. Moreover, this country has always stood for the rights of individuals and nations anywhere in the world, for justice to all, for freedom to the oppressed and the enslaved and for "real, essential democratic concept", political and economic. How much of these fundamentals can India retain if it becomes merged into one of the blocs which are inspired by power politics with its evils of selfishness, self-interest and injustice? It will, on the contrary, lose much including that freedom of policy, which is essential for the preservation of India's independence and for the pursuit of those aims of real world peace, world democracy and world order which India has long set before itself. The position is such that no group and no alignment can claim complete freedom from democratic and international sins. There should at least be in the warring family of nations, one voice free to raise itself on behalf of principles of democracy and justice that are being trampled under foot and on behalf of humanity the very existence of which is being so gravely and so imminently threatened.

India, therefore, cannot afford to lose its freedom of action in international affairs. Its policy must be the straightforward and honest one of judging each problem on its own merits and acting accordingly. It may be, as Pandit Nehru said, that India may be confronted on occasions with the choice between two evils. India must not lose her freedom to choose the "lesser evil" in such a case. It may be that, inspite of India's best, honest and self-less efforts, it may be forced into war. India will then be able to face the situation with a clear conscience. This fear of war was also the reason behind the plea for India joining a Big Power bloc as a measure of comparative safety. The convincing answer was given by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. India is not yet mighty enough to escape "injury" if a Big Power inflicted its might on this country. But the country and the nation have already fought and won against might with the weapon that Mahatma Gandhi gave them. Indeed, it is this achievement which has given India a unique distinction today. The "Father of the Nation" has left behind him many things as great legacies to his children. One of the most precious that they have inherited is the courage of the weak and the technique of successful resistance to evil however mighty. That inheritance is there. We have but to realise that it is there.

Frankly Speaking

Unhelpful Behaviour

India's difficulties at Lake Success, where its undoubtedly just case has met with such antipathy on the part of certain Powers, are to some extent due to the fact that their policy is guided by considerations not of merit but of power politics. But those difficulties are also due, as the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru pointed out, to an antagonistic psychology created in the Powers concerned by India's stand and struggle against imperialism. This antagonism will not, however, help those Powers. It might well hurt them on the other hand. In any case India cannot be driven into surrendering its anti-imperialism or its active sympathy for colonial peoples and for Indians in the colonies. This fact the British should particularly recognise. For ten full months their Colonial Office kept silent over a request by India to permit the sending of a small delegation to observe the condition of Indians living in certain colonies. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred in the Indian Parliament to this instance in language which was admirably restrained. But the British should realise that such instances of deliberate and calculated indifference cannot go unnoticed. Nor is their significance lost on the people of India. Such a policy on the part of the British is not going to help the cause of Indo-British good relations in the future.

India's Offer

Sir Mahomed Zafrullah Khan, who has won a reputation for volubility and verbosity before an encouragingly sympathetic audience at Lake Success was bound to make a rejoinder to Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's reply to Pakistan's allegations in respect of Junagadh and the recent plebiscite there. And it was equally inevitable that he should not do much more than just repeat those allegations. So far as India is concerned, Mr. Ayyangar has clearly explained the circumstances of the plebiscite and has even offered to agree to a fresh plebiscite being held if the Security Council so desirous. Sir Mahomed Zafrullah knows, and by now his sympathisers in the Security Council should also know, that the people of Junagadh are overwhelmingly for accession to India and that no amount of fresh plebiscites can bring in any other result. But if they so wish they can have their fond hopes defeated again.

Interesting Self-Contradiction

There is, however, one statement in Sir Mahomed Zafrullah's rejoinder, which strikes us as extremely interesting. "Sir Mahomed Zafrullah", so says the Lake Success report, "emphasised that, irrespective of which side Junagadh accedes to, the ruler must be restored to the same position as is occupied by States that have already acceded to one side or the other". What is the principle that he is laying down? It is that the Ruler of a State must not be deprived of his position as Ruler no matter what the people say, or are alleged to say. But that destroys half his case regarding Kashmir and it very decisively makes nonsense of Pakistan's denunciation of and demands about Kashmir's Dogra ruler, Sir Hari Singh! Sir Mahomed Zafrullah's self-contradictory attitude is very interesting.

A Notable Event

It was a notable event in the history of Bombay Province when on Monday the administration of sixteen Deccan States was taken over by the Government of Bombay. These States have a total area of 7,000 square miles and a population of over a million and a half. The merger, which has been brought about in pursuance of the agreement signed by the Rulers of the States, will benefit all parties concerned, the people the most. Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier, has rightly congratulated the Rulers on their courage, statesmanship and self-sacrifice in agreeing to integrate their States with Bombay Province, which will enable the unification of the territories between whose people common bonds of trade, commerce and industry and cultural, social and historical ties have existed for generations. The people of the States will now, as Mr. Kher says, become full citizens of the Indian Union and will share with their fellow-citizens the responsibilities and duties of citizenship. Though the merger has been brought about with the consent of the Rulers, the principle of sovereignty of the people has been amply vindicated.

Mrs. Munshi's Bill

Sir,—On the 26th morning I saw a head line in the "Bombay Chronicle" "Mrs. Munshi's Bill put in Cold Storage"—"with the merriment of all the male members of the House". It was a report of what had happened in the Bombay Legislative Assembly on the 25th February 1948 which met to discuss the non-official business and finished its work within about 30 minutes. There were eight non-official bills on the Agenda. Not a single one was good enough to be found favour with. Their appearing on the Agenda paper may have pleased the members temporarily. Members may have the pleasure of introducing their bills and may take five or ten minutes of the House by saying that "I introduce the Bill" or "I beg to move the first reading of the Bill". They may even make a few remarks on the 2nd reading and that is all; because hardly any non-official bill or resolution can survive, either they are to be withdrawn on the assurance given or they are to be defeated.

Another report somewhere says that the House was not in a mood to debate and so all the business which could have lasted for a fortnight have finished in four or five sittings. A bill on the Maharashtra University was passed in 30 minutes.

Democracy has become very business-like. Isn't it? But just now I am not concerned with the democracy. I only want to explain what the bill on the "Prevention of Unequal Marriages" is. Some of our most educated men have understood it a "Bill on Prevention of Marriages" and last time in the Poona Session of the Assembly when the bill reached, one of the responsible member described it as such. The only purpose of writing this article is to explain that the bill which I introduced in the Assembly is not for the "Prevention of Marriages"; but it only seeks to prevent marriages where a girl who is minor, e.g., under 18 years, is married to a man who is above 45 years. A man of 45 can marry anyone except a minor girl and a minor girl between the ages of 14 and 18 can be married to anyone whose age is below 45. Generally minor girls are given away in marriage by their parents or guardians and sometimes for some reason or the other to men whose age is very much above than that of the girls, mostly without the consent of the minor girl and often even against her wishes. When such a thing happens the minor girl is not able to protect herself and she has not acquired many rights which she would acquire when she becomes a major. After attaining the age of majority the girl is protected by law and she is able to select a husband of her own choice if she so wishes.

There are many people who say that even this disparity between the two ages, i.e., between the ages of 18 and 45, is too great. I know it is so, but even restricting a man of 45 marrying a minor girl is not looked by the male members of the Legislative Assembly favourably and a move to postpone it "sine die" causing them so much merriment that they forget themselves; are they ever likely to agree for a lesser age for men—I wonder? After all they are in majority in the House!

I should like to mention another point. The Bill was circulated for public opinion. Two-thirds of the opinions received favoured the idea. One-third opposed it. That means it has received an overwhelming support. But what of that, if the male members of the Assembly are opposed to it! Probably it was circulated with a view that it may not get any support and it could be put in the cold storage in the name of the public opinion! But if the public opinion was not unfavourable it was to be considered as an opinion of a few people and there was no sanctity attached to such opinion. Whether it is a head or a tail either way the male members win.

The other point is that the members becoming apathetic to take part in the debate. Why? But this is not the place where I should like to discuss it.—Yours, etc.

LILAVATI MUNSHI.

NO MERGER FOR PATIALA & EAST PUNJAB STATES

Hindus And Sikhs Must Sink Or Swim Together Says Maharaja

PATIALA, March 9 (API): A declaration that Patiala and the East Punjab States would not merge with any province was made by His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala at a largely attended public meeting.

His Highness said: I emphatically declare that Patiala will always remain Patiala and maintain its Sikh character. Those who wish to disrupt Patiala's unity and integrity are only a handful of disgruntled agitators. So long as the people of Patiala stand united and the hand of the Guru protects them, no disruptive activities can have any effect on the solidarity of the State".

Referring to the constitutional reforms, His Highness said that the State would have a full-fledged Responsible Government within a year. His Highness advised the people to select such representatives, who not only enjoyed their complete confidence but could run the administration efficiently and in the best interests of the people.

PLEA FOR UNITY AMONGST HINDUS AND SIKHS

Emphasising the utmost need of unity amongst Hindus and Sikhs, His Highness said that those who, in order to serve their own ends, created a right between the two communities were the enemies of the country and the community to which they belonged. The Maharaja said: "Hindus and Sikhs have lived for centuries as brothers. They have toiled and suffered tobetner. They have common and identical interests. In the new political set up after the division of the country, they should sink or swim together."

He was pained to hear that some people were thinking of leaving Patiala due to panic. This was the work of mischief-mongers who were out to discredit the administration. He gave an assurance that his Government would take the severest measures against those found fomenting communal trouble or disturbing the peace.

"STOP IDLE SPECULATION"

His Highness added that though they were passing through difficult times yet they should not waste their time and energy in loose talk or idle speculation of war with Pakistan. On the other hand they should direct their energies into constructive channels so that the Freedom which the country had won after centuries of Slavery might usher for the people an era of progress and prosperity. They should leave the question of defence to the Government which was alive to all contingencies.

Finally, His Highness appealed to the people to help the authorities in the restoration of all abducted Muslim women and children.

HIMACHAL PRADESH TO BE ESTABLISHED

Call To E. Punjab Hill States To Merge Into Indian Union

The Rulers and the Chiefs of the East Punjab Hill States recently discussed with Mr. V.P. Menon, Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of States, the future of these States and as a result of these talks, Their Highnesses the Rulers of Chamba and Suket and the Chiefs of Baghat, Bhajji, Beja, Sangri, Dhami, Kumarsain, Kuthar and Tharoch have signed today agreements ceding to the Dominion Government full and exclusive authority, jurisdiction and powers for and in relation to the governance of their States.

It is the intention of the Government of India to provide, as soon as practicable and subject to the provisions of the Constitution of India, for the administration of this Unit, which will be known as the "Himachal Pradesh", through a Lieutenant Governor with an Advisory Council consisting of three Ruders of the East Punjab Hill States, and a local Legislature with such constitution, powers and functions as the Government of India may, from time to time, specify.

The Rulers and the Chiefs concerned have been guaranteed their Civil list, personal property, rights, privileges, dignities, etc. The total area that will come under the Central Administration under these arrangements, after the Rulers and the Chiefs of the remaining East Punjab Hill States have signed similar agreements, will cover at about 11,000 Square miles, with a population of 10.4 millions and a revenue of about Rs. 1 crore.

It has been decided not to include the Tehri Garhwal State in this unit.

The Government of India will take over the administration of these States on the 15th April, 1948.

CONCILIATION INSTEAD OF COERCION IN PALESTINE?

Partition Scheme Already Half-Shelved

(From Our Correspondent)

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27.—The despatch to Palestine of a sort of "conciliation" commission to replace the UNO Partition Commission by the Security Council is predicted in informed Arab circles here as almost certain.

This forecast is justified by observers who disclose that as soon as the American change of attitude was announced at the Security Council three days ago, and as if by prearrangement, United States consulate throughout the Middle East and responsible British civil and Intelligence officers are reported to be seeking a reply to the question:

Is the conclusion of an Arab-Jewish truce possible? Or, have the three months of mutual killings widened the gap between the two peoples to an irreparable extent?

Asserting that the partition scheme was already half-shelved, the same questioners are understood to have been impressed by Arabs that an "armed truce" was likely to be considered provided the would-be mediators acted promptly, and provided the proposal were made in clear terms.

With May 15 (the date fixed for the termination of the British mandate approaching, and the Arab-Jewish struggle irsing in ferocity both sides are already reported to be throwing in their local reserves and straining every nerve on feverish defensive-offensive preparations for the final round.

The circumstances in which the situation has been deteriorating are unique in that the declared intention of the 1,200,000 Arabs is to frustrate by force the realisation of 700,000 Zionist Jews to set up a foreign state in their midst, while the militant activities of those same Jews are aimed at cowing the Arabs into submission.

Zionist Terrorism

Jewish "preparations" for the present conflict, it is recalled, started during the earlier part of World War II, when the so-called Zionist terrorism was initiated allegedly to combat the policy of the White Paper of 1939, which, among other things, relegated Jews in Palestine to a one-third permanent minority of the population.

Until April 1947 when the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine (UNSCOP) majority plan was published, even a substantial number of Arabs, inside and outside the country, were led to doubt the ability of their compatriots to curb a Jewish rising resorting to tactics similar to those practised by Jewish terrorists against the British civil and military administration.

In less than three months, beginning December 2, 1947, Arabs were able to explode the Haganah myth and it has now become evident that Palestine Arabs are able both to sustain the 'legendary' Jewish terror and to suffer the demanded sacrifices by embarking on an all-out struggle to prevent the realisation of the Zionist plan.

But while the local Arab civil and economic set up continues to bear the brunt of the Jewish "war effort" steadfastly, it appears that the Zionists are at pains to keep the standard of Jewish morale and the complicated economy at a healthy level. If the Jewish press is to be taken as a forum of popular expression, then the polemics proceeding among the 16 party newspapers and the denunciations of the Left leadership by the Right and Centre Zionist political parties cannot be ignored.

In lives alone the Arab casualty list on Feb. 1 stood at 450 killed, 1,100 injured, while the admitted—for Jewish authorities suppress publication of their casualties—Jewish figures are: 400 killed, 750 injured. Damage to property, it is conservatively estimated, has exceeded the ten million sterling mark on each side, and from the Arab point of view this consideration has ceased to matter.

Military Accounts Staff For Token Strike

PATNA, March 9, (API): At a meeting of employees of the Military Accounts Department Mr. Sital Porel, the General Secretary of the All-India Federation of Military Accounts Union asked all Union members to be prepared to stage a token strike on March 13 in sympathy with their colleagues at Calcutta and all other centres throughout the Indian Union in order to protest against the retrenchment policy of the Central Government. If the authorities did not halt the retrenchment drive, Mr. Porel said, a general strike would be resorted to on April 2 and would continue till victory was achieved.

Phaltan Raja's Contribution To Gandhi Memorial Fund

MIRAJ, March 9 (UPI): The Raja of Phaltan has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 11,000 to be contributed to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund on behalf of the Phaltan State.

No Scope For Muslim League In Indian Union

CUTTACK, March 9 (UPI): Mr. M. A. Amin, ex-member of the All India Muslim League Council, has issued the following statement:—

The convention to discuss the desirability or otherwise of liquidating the Muslim League of the Indian Union has been fixed on the 10th of this month. I would not make secret of my conviction that with India becoming a secular democratic State there is neither the scope nor the necessity of a communal political organisation in the country.

Besides, there is every risk of the Muslims being misunderstood despite all their goodwill and bona fide motives if they continue to retain this body.

"I therefore, advise my Muslim brethren to have trust on others as trust always begets trust. If, however, it is at all felt that a body exclusively of Muslims is to be retained let its scope and activities be strictly confined to the religious and social uplift of the Muslims and it would scrupulously avoid meddling in politics."

If MacArthur Becomes U.S. President

Japs In High Glee Over Prospect

TOKYO, March 9 (Reuter): Before noon to-day special editions of Tokyo newspapers were on the streets carrying news of General MacArthur's announcement that he would accept the presidency of the United States "if it was offered by the Americans people."

The General's statement caused immediate reaction on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, where prices of many shares made an unprecedented jump.

SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS JAPAN

One Japanese newspaperman summed up the general opinion here: "If MacArthur becomes President we will know there is someone in office who understands Japan, there will be prospects of more aid from America, more sympathy or our problems and a determined opposition to Communism."

General MacArthur's statement, which was issued throughout public relations channels, said "I have been informed that petitions have been filed in Madison (Winconsin) signed by many of my fellow citizens in Wisconsin presenting my name to the electorate for consideration at the primary elections on April 6.

"I am deeply grateful for this spontaneous display of friendly confidence. No man could fail to be profoundly stirred by such a public movement in this hour of momentous import, national and international temporal and spiritual."

IF CALLED BY AMERICAN PEOPLE

"While it seems unnecessary for me to repeat that I do not actively seek or covet any office and have no plans for leaving my post in Japan, I can say with due humility I would be recreant to all my concepts of good citizenship were I to shrink because of the hazards and responsibilities involved from accepting any public duty to which I might be called by the American people."

Activities Of Agarwal Seva Samiti In Ardh Kumbha Mela

Ardh Kumbha report of the All-India Agarwal Seva Samity is as under:—

The A. I. Agarwal Seva Samity which held its Social Service Camp from January 10 to Feb. with 1,500 Scouts on important bathing days, and 500 on ordinary days and on the day of immersion ceremony of Gandhiji on 12th February rendered great service to the pilgrims.

Life Saving: The life-savers of the society under the Directorship of Mr. Robin Chatterji and Mr. N. G. Dutt (Secretary) rescued 153 persons from being swept away in the high current of the river. One boat capsized and all its occupants numbering 50 were saved by the life savers of our society except one who expired in the hospital and his dead body was cremated by the Society.

Medical Service: A large number of victims of Cholera were rendered medical help from the Dispensary of the Society which was open all the 24 hours under the supervision of Dr. Gopi Nath Nager of Hamirpur. The total number of patients who attended the dispensary of the Society is 1116 many dead bodies of cholera victims were cremated by the Society.

People from different provinces joined our Social Service Camp inleuding Mr. Ram Das Agarwal Provincial Commissioner, Mr. S. M. Idris Commissioner Danapur (Bihar) and Dr. Gopal Das Johri Chief Camp Lirector. The General Supervision was under the charge of Mr. Satya Narain Prasad Agarwal.

Waifs and Strays: about 1913 persons including mostly women and children were restored to their proper guardians.

Traffic Control: Our Volunteers also managed traffic.

Humanitarian Service: 1005 poor persons were fed and a large number of them were provided railway tickets on behalf of the Society. Many persons were given fire wood in order to protect them from shivering cold.

Fire Accidents: There were 10 cases of fire and our Scouts immediately did the rescue work besides extinguishing fire.

First Aid: 600 persons were rendered first aid.

Crimes: Many crimes including pickpockets were caught by the detective scouts and handed over to police.

TETE-A-TETE

"I am conscious of my own limitations. That consciousness is my only strength. Whatever I might have been able to do in my life has proceeded more than anything else out of the realization of my own limitations.

* * *

"I have no desire for prestige anywhere. It is furniture required in Courts of Kings. I am a servant of Mussalmans, Christians, Parsis and Jews as I am of Hindus. And a servant is in need of love, not prestige. That is assured to me so long as I remain a faithful servant.

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"In the majority of cases, addresses presented to me contain adjectives which I am ill able to carry. Their use can do good neither to the writers nor to me. They unnecessarily humiliate me for I do not deserve them. If they are deserved, their use is superfluous".—MAHATMA GANDHI.

FRANK ANTHONY FOR MADRAS GOVERNORSHIP?

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, March 9: The C. P. and Berar Provincial Council of the All-India Anglo-Indian Association held its annual meeting last night in the Jackson's Hotel with Major Peter Bernard, M.L.A. in the chair. The council reiterated the unflinching loyalty of the Anglo-Indians to the Government of the Indian Union and also to the Provincial Government.

It was gathered from the talks of the members that Mr. Frank R. Anthony, President, the All-India Anglo-Indian Association and a Member of the Indian Constituent Assembly has been tipped for the Governorship of Madras.

It was further learnt that Mr. Anthony has accepted the offer and will proceed shortly to Madras to assume the charge of his new office from Sir Archibald Nye, the present Governor of Madras, who is due to relinquish the office in April next.

It was also disclosed that Mr. Anthony has accepted the Governorship of Madras for a short time as he is anxious for securing a seat for himself in the Cabinet of the Ministers of Indian Dominion.

MONACO APPLICATION TO U. N. E. S. C. O,

Poses "Tiny Nation" Problem For U. N.

Recent application for membership in Unesco by Monaco, forwarded for approval to the U. N. Economic and Social Council, has raised a new problem for the United Nations.

The tiny principality, with a population of 24,000 applied late in 1947 for membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation. The Executive Board of Unesco referred the application to Ecosoc, as provided for by Unesco's agreement with the United Nations.

During discussion by Ecosoc, United States representatives raised the question of whether such small states as Monaco could make any "appreciable contribution" to the work of Unesco. A French delegate pointed out that—though surrounded on three sides by France—Monaco was a sovereign state and was already member of several international organisations.

At the sixth session of Ecosoc, however, a resolution was passed to the effect that the U.N. had no objection to the admission of Monaco to Unesco, but recommending that Unesco should first cinsider what contribution Monaco could make to its work and should review the general question of the admission of similar "diminutive states."

The question will therefore be again submitted to the Executive Board of Unesco, and to the General Conference, meeting in October, for final decision.

Kanakpur Temple Thrown Open To Harijans

CUTTACK, March 9 (UPI): The famous Sarala Thakurani temple at Kanakpur was thrown open yesterday to Harijans at a special function attended by the Premier, Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab, Mrs. Mehtab and the other Ministers. Dr. K. N. Katju, the Governor, presided.

Harijans in large numbers entered the temple, but the temple priests left the temple in protest.

PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT ORDERS ARREST OF DISSIDENT GROUPS' LEADERS

(By MYLES W. VAUGHAN, (UPA) Staff Correspondent).

MANILA, March 8 President Manuel Roxas today outlawed the Hukbalahap rebels and the National Peasant Union and ordered mass arrests of their leaders who, he said, had told their followers to "prepare for the coming of the Russians."

Roxas said that the dissident groups were organized for the purpose of overthrowing the Philippine government and of establishing one of their own through force and intimidation.

Ordering the campaign to suppress them, he said that mass arrests of their leaders were expected to begin immediately, to be followed by trials for sedition in the civil courts. He reported his plans at a press conference.

Answering a question, he said that there was "no evidence of direct connections between the subversive Philippine organizations and Russia, except through Chinese Communists. But there was ample evidence that the subversive leaders had told their followers to prepare for the coming of the Russians and the establishment of a Russian type of government in these islands.

OPEN FIGHT

Roxas said that the Hukbalahap and Peasant leaders had openly taken up their fight against the government. He said that there were 95 skirmishes between government forces and the Hukbalahaps from April 1946 to January 23, 1948, resulting in 100 deaths.

He quoted a Peasant circular order to assassinate him at the first opportunity. While there was no proof of the existence of a subversive organization in direct contact with Moscow, the Hukbalahaps and Peasants apparently were relying on the help of a "foreign power."

Roxas made public captured orders revealing that the Hukbalahap and Peasant Party leaders had told their followers that the overthrow of the government would eventually be accomplished with the aid of a "foreign power". The order also promised world-wide revolutionary movements.

Communist Threat To Manchurian Capital

Preparations For Direct Assault On Changchun

GOVT. TROOPS LIFT THREE WEEK-OLD SIEGE ON PANKI

NANKING, MARCH 9, (REUTER): COMMUNIST TROOPS WERE MARCHING ON CHANGCHUN, CAPITAL OF MANCHURIA AND ONE OF THE LAST MAJOR CHINESE GOVERNMENT STRONGHOLDS IN THE NORTH, IN PREPARATION FOR A DIRECT ASSAULT, PRO-GOVERNMENT DESPATCHES SAID TODAY.

The greater part of this Communist force was said to be pushing North from the Szepingkai sector, though heavy fighting was still raging round the strategic railfay junction.

SIEGE OF PANKI LIFTED

In Southern Liaoning Province, Government troops who began a drive from Mukden yesterday have lifted the three weeks old siege of the coal mining centre of Panki 40 miles to the South-East, according to semi-official reports.

Large Communist forces were believed to be advancing from the Anshan area to counter the Government drive.

In the South Manchurian seaport of Yingkow, Communist troops were said to be strengthening their defences to meet an expected Government attack.

Two Britons were thought to be the only foreigners left there when Communists captured the town.

An official of the United States Consulate General, in Peiping, today denied rumours that an American was caught there.

"To the best of our knowledge no Americans have been in Yingkow for some time," he said.

The rumours were attributed to a Chinese Communist broadcast, picked up in San Francisco claiming the capture of one American when the port fell.

TWO COMMUNIST COMMANDERS SURRENDER

NANKING, March 9, (U.P.A.): Two Chinese Communist commanders have surrendered themselves and their 8,000 men to the Nationalists according to the Government's official Central Daily News today.

The surrender took place on the Chahar-Jehol and Chahar-Shansi border regions Central Daily News said.

Central said that the two Commanders would send reprecentatives to Nanking to ask for a pardon from the Nationalist Government.

CHINESE HAIL MACARTHUR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

SHANGHAI, March 9, (U.P.A.): Chinese political circles today hailed MacArthur announcement. These circles declared that MacArthur's election would materially strengthen the traditional friendship between China and the United States "in view of his understanding of the China situation."

They said that if MacArthur is elected his administration might be more inclined to consider Asia's problems as important as those of Europe.

OUTER MONGOLIAN OFFICERS FOR U. S. AID

NANKING, March 9, (U.P.A.): The newspaper HSEI MI PAO said today that a group of mysterious Outer Mongolian officers have arrived in Peiping en route to the United States to ask for American aid in the fight for "true independence" of their country.

AMMUNITION DUMP BLOWS UP: 100 PERSONS KILLED

TSINGTAO, March 9, (U.P.A.): A large Chinese ammunition dump blew up today demolishing the entire city block and causing 250 casualities, about 100 persons were believed to have been killed. The dump was located half mile east of the United States fleet anchorage.

LONDON HAS HOTTEST MARCH DAY

LONDON, March 9, (UPA): Midsummer weather warmed London to-day with a maximum of 73 degrees—the hottest March day since records were started 107 years ago.

The previous high was 69 degrees on March 23, 1945.

Seaside resorts on England's south coast were crowded with swimming and picnicking parties. Deck-chairs were hauled out of storage and some sunbathers showed faint pink burns.

Exactly a year ago, Britain battled blizzards in its winter fuel crisis and several villages were isolated by snow-drifts.

REFORMS IN MANDI

MANDI STATE, March 9, (A.P.I.): The Raja of Mandi has announced that elections to the State Legislature based on adult franchise will be held in June and the State legislature will thereafter meet to elect the Ministers who will take complete charge of the administration.

Meanwhile all the portfolios are being transferred to popular ministers.

Three Ex-Czech Ministers Expelled

PRAGUE, March 9 (Reuter): The Action Committee of the Czech Socialist Party has expelled three ex-Ministers—Dr. Prokop Drtina, ft.ner Minister of Justice and Dr. Hubert Ripka, former Minister of Trade.

All three were among the twelve Ministers whose resignations precipitated the recent political crisis.

Czech Socialists have also expelled Dr. Petr Zenkl, former Chairman of the Party, and Julius First a member of the Party Executive.

WHEN MOUNTBATTEN WILL QUIT INDIA

CALCUTTA, March 9 (UPI): Lord Mountbatten, the Governor-General of India will be leaving India by June 1 next.

This was announced by His Excellency while replying to the address of welcome presented to him on behalf of the Bengal Press Advisory Committee, by Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, at a luncheon at the Calcutta Club today.

Lathi Charge On Demonstrators In Hyderabad

22 Processionists Including 4 Women Arrested

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 8, (A. P.I.): Twenty-two persons including four women were taken into custody by the police today in Sultan Bazar area for taking out a procession. Later students went out in batches raising slogans.

The police used mild lathi charge to disperse demonstrators who pelted stones and smashed street lights. Traffic in Sultan Bazar area which was cordoned off by the police remained suspended for three hours.

TRAVESTY OF TRUTH

Mr. J. H. Subbiah, President of the Hyderabad State Scheduled Castes Federation today described as "travesty of truth" the statement made in a recent speech by Syed Kasim Razvi, President of the Majlis Ittehadul Muslemeen, that forty lakhs of the scheduled castes in Hyderabad did not want responsible Government.

Mr. Subbiah in a statement said that the delay in establishing responsible Government in the State" would bring further devastation to the state".

DE VALERA ARRIVES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 8 (UPA) — Former Prime Minister of Eire Eamon de Valera lunched privately today with New York Mayor William Odwyer in the Mayor's official residence. The city will extend a formal welcome to him at the City Hall ceremonies tomorrow.

POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN W. BENGAL

Assembly Votes Budget Demand

CALCUTTA, March 8, (API): The West Bengal Government's budget demand for Rs. 6,57,43,000 under the head 'post-war development schemes' was voted by the Provincial Assembly today without any discussion. The amount included Rs. 10,00,000/- provided for preliminary measures for the abolition of zemindary system in the Province, Rs. 5,73,000 for the preparation of a master plan for drainage of Calcutta and the surrounding areas and Rs. 4,61,000 for increasing salaries of primary school teachers.

The House also sanctioned the expenditure of Rs. 27,52,000 under the head 'forests'. Under this head provision has been made for expenditure relating to regeneration of forest resources and construction and maintenance of roads and bridges to facilitate supervision of forests and removal of timber.

PAKISTAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION FOR BOMBAY

KARACHI, March 9, (A.P.I): The Pakistan Delegation on economic affairs led by Mr. Zahid Hussain, Pakistan's High Commissioner in India left for Bombay today by plane.

The delegates will discuss currency and exchange problems with the representatives of the Indian Union and the Reserve Bank of India.

The other members of the delegation are Mr. Mumtaz Hassan of the Pakistan Ministry of Finance and Dr. Anwar Iqbal Qureshi ecohomic adviser to the Pakistan Government.

B.O.A.C. INAUGURATE SERVICE TO JAPAN

The first British civil air service between the United Kingdom and Japan is due to open on the 19th March when B.O.A.C. extend their "Dragon" route from Hong Kong to Iwakuni, which is the headquarters of British Commonwealth Occupation Forces. Iwakuni has been chosen as a temporary terminal until such time as flying boat facilities are available at Tokyo.

Sudan Advisory Council Accepts Br. Proposals

CAIRO, March 9, (Reuter): Further worsening of relations between britain and Egypt was feared by observers here when the Northern Sudan Advisory Council today accepted British proposals for a Sudan Legislative Assembly and Executive Council.

This unanimous vote for a scheme already rejected by Egypt was regarded as presenting Egypt with a fait accompli, although it caused no surprise here.

Bradman And Hamence Felicitated

SYDNEY, March 9 (Reuter): Presentations were made to the Australian cricket captain Don Bradman and Ron Hamence, the South Australian members of the Australian test team which will leave for England this month, at a farewell gathering given in Adelaide by the South Australian Cricket Association.

Bradman received a travelling case and Hamence a bat of crystal from the Association.

In responding to the toast, Bradman said that by making this tour he hoped that he would be able to play an important part in the future of cricket, not necessarily so much on the field as off it.

Coffee Crop Worst On Record

(From Our Correspondent)

BANGALORE, (By Air Mail)

Presiding over the eighty-third annual meeting of the Mysore Planters' Association, Mr. C. Browne declared that the coffee crop harvest this year was one of the worst on record.

Mr. Browne said that blister blight had affected the Tea crop slightly, but added that prices were considered to be satisfactory.

Major Homewood was elected President for the coming year, Messrs. R. Ratcliffe ,A. Middleton and K. M. Verghese, Executive Committee members and Lt.-Col. Clement Davies Secretary.

BULGARIA-CZECH PACT

PRAGUE, March 9, (Reuter): Diplomatic sources in Prague today forecast a pact between Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia which would provide for mutual aid in case of attack not only by Germany, but by a third power.

KARENS DEMAND

RANGOON, March 9, (Reuter): Burma is likely to hold a plebiscite as a result of claims for a separate State by the Karens, the country's largest racial minority, it was reliably learned here today. The affected area would be the Irrawaddy Delta and the Tenasserim division of Southern Burma.

A DENIAL—

BRUSSELS, March 9, (Reuter): M Van Langenhove categorically denied an American news agency report that the five nations of the Brussels Conference had asked for a military guarantee from the United States.

CONGRESS AKALI RELATIONS

SIMLA, March 9, (A.P.I.): Further talks relating to the relations of Akalis with the Congress which appear to have now passed the academic stage continued in Simla today between top ranking Panthic leaders. There was a free and frank discussion between the leaders reflecting viewpoint of different sections of the Panth. It is gathered that matters relating to east Punjab States also figured during the discussions.

SRINIVASAN FOR GENEVA

BENGALORE March 9 (UPI): The "United Press of India" understands that Mr. K. Srinivasan Editor of the "Hindu", Madras, will be one of India's delegates to the International Conference of Freedom of Speech opening at Geneva on March 23.

An official announcement regarding the personnel of the Delegation is expected shortly.

Ministerial Crisis In East Punjab

Sardar Baldev Singh In Simla To Prop Up Present Administration

(From Our Correspondent)

SIMLA, March 8.

The arrival here today of Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister in the Central Government, marks a new climax in the rapidly developing political crisis in East Punjab.

OBJECT OF VISIT

The object of this visit, I reliably understand, is to prop the present administration to survive the serious challenge thrown by the new 'opposition' within the Provincial Assembly Congress Party.

No reliable estimate of the exact strength of this group is available, but two days ago Lala Bhimsen Sachar, Convener of the Group, as he calls himself, claimed that he commanded a majority within the Congress Party. This claim, though slightly exaggerated then, probably corresponds to the truth today.

OUT FOR SHOWDOWN

The 'opposition's' attitude during the question hour in the Assembly this morning made it clear that they were out for a proper showdown with the Ministry.

It will be noticed that even if Lala Bhimsen commands a majority in the Congress Party, he is still far from dominating the House, which, besides the Congress strength of 58, has 23 Akali members, most of whom at any rate would prefer the present leadership. It is precisely this support that Sardar Baldev Singh hopes to confirm and widen by persuasion and personal influence.

One version goes so far as to suggest that the Defence Minister will advise the Akalis not only to join the Congress as an effective solution of the present impasse but also as a remedy for the gradually widening rift between the two groups among themselves led respectively by Giani Kartar Singh and Udham Singh Nagoke.

JAT SUPPORT

Connected with this problem of bringing the two Akali sections together is the question of the east Punjab States, on which the Akali Party yesterday adopted a resolution sharply criticising the attitude of the States Ministry, which it alleged was trying to coerce the rulers into merging with East Punjab. In this respect the Defence Minister will probably deputise for Sardar Patel and will clarify the Government of India's point of view on the subject.

To come back to the Punjab crisis, one report has it that accompanying Sardar Baldev Singh is a nephew of the late Chaudhary Chottu Ram, through whose influence the Defence Minister hopes to detach from Lala Bhimsen's group two or three Jat members, prominent among whom is Chaudhary Surajmal, former Premier of Bharatpur.

In the present temper of the 'Opposition' this is a manoeuvre that can at best succeed only to a limited extent.

Baldev Singh's Talks With Akali Leaders

SIMLA March 8 (API) India's Defence Minister Baldev Singh, who arrived in Simla late in the evening from Delhi, and Master Tara Singh, the Akali Leader, who had arrived earlier, met in a conference at night at the residence of Sardar Swaran Singh, Home Minister, and leader of the Panthic Party in the East Punjab Assembly. Some prominent Akali leaders were also present.

It is believed the talks related to the Akalis' merger with the Congress.

AFGHANISTAN'S DEMANDS ON PAKISTAN

Karachi Talks Make No Headway

NEW DELHI, March 6: The Afghan Envoy, Sardar Najeebullah Khan, who is back in Kabul from Karachi, where he conducted protracted negotiations with the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, regarding the points in dispute between his Government and the Pakistan Government, in a broadcast to his people said that the reply given by Pakistan to demands made by Afghanistan were based on 'old Imperialistic conceptions'.

The broadcast gave the first authoritative account of Afghanistan's demands on Pakistan. They are:

Tribal areas inhabited by Pakistanis and Afghans must be constituted into a free sovereign province.

Pakistan must give to Afghanistan access to the sea either by the creation of an Afghan corridor in West Baluchistan or by allotting a free Afghan zone in Karachi.

Afghanistan and Pakistan should enter into a treaty which should permit one party to remain neutral in case the party is attacked.

—LEADER.

SECURITY DEMAND ON COMMUNIST DAILY

PATNA, March 9, (A.P.I.): The Government of Bihar have demanded a security of Rs. 3,000 from "Jansakti", a local Communist Hindi daily, under the Indian Press Emergency Powers. The paper has been directed to deposit the security by March 25.

JINNAH TO TOUR EAST PAKISTAN

KARACHI, March 9, (A.P.I.): Pakistan's Governor-General Mr. M. A. Jinnah will leave for Dacca on March 20 on a week's tour of Eastern Pakistan, it is officially stated.

He will deliver the Convocation address of the Dacca University on March 24 and visit Chittagong.

In view of his forthcoming tour of East Bengal, the Quaid-I-Azam has postponed his tour of N.-W.F.P. till the first week of April.

British Technical Bill For Ending Palestine Mandate

LONDON, March 8, (UPA): Rebellious Labour Members of Parliament today demanded that Britain help the United Nations partition of Palestine.

Labourite dissidents filed a motion in the Commons to defeat the Government's technical Bill for termination of the mandate. The motion stood little chance of adoption although it embarassed the Government. A majority of the Labour Party supported the Government's stand on Palestine. The Conservative opposition might abstain to emphasize the cleavage of the Labour Party but in any event, probably, they would not support the rebel motion.

Nine Labourites, both left and right wingers, filed the motion. It will be moved as an amendment on the second reading of the Palestine Bill on Wednesday.

The Colonial Office said that the Bill was wholly a technical one to provide for the termination of the British mandate.

REVISED ANGLO-TRANSJORDAN TREATY

Joint Defence Board And Limited Bases Agreed Upon

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMMAN, March 2: "In spite of the reluctance by the British negotiators to introduce overall amendments, the Trans-Jordan delegation succeeded in incorporating amendments which amounted to a virtual revision of the military annexes", a Trans-Jordan Government statement issued yesterday said in announcing cabinet approval of the draft of the revised Anglo-Trans-Jordan Treaty of 1946.

The statement described the amendments as safeguarding the independence and integrity of the country and added that it was mutual goodwill and the desire of the contracting parties to perpetuate it that made possible the revision to be effected on the basis of equality.

King Abdullah, in council with members of the Trans-Jordan cabinet, the statement concluded, had empowered the Trans-Jordan delegation (headed by the Prime Minister, Tewfik Pasha Abul Huda) to conclude the treaty in its final form in Amman. It was hoped that the formalities would be completed before the end of March when the terms of the treaty will be published.

Usually informed sources here disclose that the revised treaty includes several amendments, the most important of which is the creation of a joint defence board together with a limitation of Britain's right to maintain military bases in Trans-Jordan. Oher provisions agreed upon were:

(1) The establishment of a British air-base under temporary British control;

(2) The maintenance of the Arab Legion under the control of Trans-Jordan.

(3) The continuance of a British subsidy to finance the Arab Legion: and

(4) Agreement by Britain to arm and train Trans-Jordan's military forces.

It is thought here that the proposed amendments would satisfy Trans-Jordan's requirements as an independent nation applying for United Nations membership. It is recalled that her application had been vetoed last year by Russia arguing that so long as she remained bound by the treaty of 1946 and its military annexes she could not be regarded as an independent nation.

Ex-Iranian Diplomat Dead

BOMBAY, March 9, (API): The death occurred owing to heart failure on Saturday night at New Delhi of Mr. N. F. Kazerani, formerly a senior member of the Iranian Consular Corps in Bombay. His body was brought to Bombay by a special plane by Mr. Mahomedali D. Nasser, who was at his bedside at the time of death.

The late Mr. Kazerani's brother, Mr. M F. Kazerani, Secretary to the Iranian Consul in Bombay, received the body at the aerodrome, to be embalmed and sent to Najaf in Iraq for burial.

The late Mr. Kazerani leaves behind a widow and a large number of friends.

Cycle-Rickshaw Pullers On Two-Day Protest Strike

AHMEDABAD, March 9, (API): Cycle-rickshaw pullers of the city numbering about 1,800, have gone on a two-day Hartal as a protest against the decision of the Bombay Government banning the plying of rickshaws in the Province from the beginning of April.

Rickshaw pullers are canvassing public opinion in favour of keeping the rickshaws on the roads by taking signatures of pedestrians on the roads.

INDO-PAKISTAN DIVISION OF BOOKS IN IMPERIAL LIBRARY

KARACHI, March 9 (API): Replying to a question in the Pakistan Parliament, Mr. Fazlur Rahman, Minister for Education, stated that the Partition Council's decision on the division of books and assets of the Imperial Library, Calcutta, was that the book value of the assets, site, premises, building, and books purchased by the Secretary of State for India or by the undivided Government of India, which now form part of the library, should be taken into consideration for purposes of financial settlement.

"It was decided that the resources of all Departmental Libraries should be pooled with those of the Imperial Secretariat Library and steps taken to separate from the pool spare copies for being made available to the Pakistan Government.

"It was decided that in places outside Delhi, where more than one Central Government Library existed, a consolidated list of books of which there are more than one copy in the Libraries located in each such place, should be prepared and duplicate copies of books which could not be obtained in the open market should be made available to Pakistan Government.

"As regards libraries at Delhi and at places other than Delhi, the decision concerns only the physical division of the libraries. It is to be remembered that all assets taken over by the Government of India and all assets transferred to the Pakistan Government would be taken into account in the financial adjustment by the application committee which has been set up".

MUSLIM MONUMENTS

Replying to another question on the up-keep and preservation of Muslim monuments in India and Pakistan, Mr. Fazlur Rahman, stated that all protected ancient monuments of historical, artistic and architectural interest, including those of Muslim religious and secular character in Pakistan, were being carefully preserved and kept in a fit state of repair by the Department of Archaeology. "No detailed information is available regarding the state of such monuments within the Dominion of India".

Asked what steps had been taken by the Government of Pakistan to safeguard the interests of Pakistan merchants, traders, labourers and agriculturists in Burma, the Prime Minister Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said: "The Government have opened an embassy in Rangoon, whose duty it is to see to the welfare of Pakistan nationals in Burma".

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Replying to a question on Pakistan's diplomatic relations with other countries, the Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said: "Diplomatic relations have been established with United States of America, Turkey, Egypt, Iran, Burma, France, the United Kingdom and India".

"Pakistan has embassies in the United States of America, Egypt, Iran and Burma and High Commissioners in the United Kingdom and India. Pakistan has not yet opened an Embassy in Turkey or France, but these countries have opened Embassies in Karachi".

He added that it had been agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives with Australia, Transjordan, Afghanistan, Ceylon, the Netherlands, Belgium Switzerland, Italy, China, and Norway; and representatives would be exchanged in due course.

EVENING SCHOOLS FOR WORKING YOUTH IN RUSSIA

Every Pupil Receives Instructions Through His Own Mother-Tongue

The following account of the working of evening schools in one of the leading towns of Soviet Russia is given by Sadykh Mamed Zade, Assistant Head of the Education Department of the Baku City Soviet:—

The school day has come to an end, and the youngsters are going home. But the classrooms do not remain empty for long. The doors of the school will again be thrown open in the evening hours and the classrooms will be filled by young persons aged 18-19 and even older. These are the pupils of the evening schools for working youth.

Soviet young people, who for one reason or another had not finished a secondary school, are given every opportunity of acquiring a secondary education in evening schools specially established for this purpose.

There are now 54 evening schools in Baku, capital of the Azerbaijan SSR. They are attended by 7,106 young persons.

The network of schools is so built up that it provides for the working youth of all districts of Baku.

Take, for instance, the Lenin district, one of the most densely populated in the city. The population here is connected with 13 oilfields and a large number of big plants. Five evening schools, attended by 749 persons, have been opened in this district.

Among the pupils we find Jebrail Mamedov, an operator in the third oilfield, Gaji Rzayev, assistant foreman in the fifth oilfield, Ivan Kryukov, a mechanic in the "Bakinsky Rabochii" Works, Arseni Varuntsyan, a clerk in the assembly office, and many other young people of various trades. All of them are now studying in the eighth, ninth and tenth grades.

Five schools are functioning in Stalin district where the oil refineries are situated. One school has been opened on Artem island (Baku lies on the shore of the Caspian Sea).

Large enterprises, such as, for example, the Paris Commune Ship Repair Yard, have their own evening schools. The enterprises take a warm interest in their studious youth and are helping the schools and providing them with everything needed.

TUITION IN NATIVE TONGUE

Tuition at the schools is given in the native tongue of the pupils. Teaching is conducted in the Azerbaijan language in 19 Schools, in Armenian in four, and there are Azerbaijan, Russian and Armenian sectors in the rest of the schools.

In accordance with the law, the management of an enterprise is not permitted to call upon a youth attending an evening school to work in an evening shift. Further, before the examination pupils are allowed special leave for reading up their subjects. The working youth attending evening schools receive priority in accommodation in health resorts and rest homes.

As a rule, the most experienced teachers work in the evening schools. This, couple with the ardent striving of the youth to acquire knowledge yields, excellent results. For instance, out of 700 pupils who successfully passed their graduation examinations last year, 70 were awarded gold and silver medals. Fifty of last year's graduates from the evening schools are now continuing their studies in higher educational establishments.

"Do you find it hard to combine your work with study in school?" This question is sometimes put to pupils of evening schools. A characteristic reply was given to it by Ali Kurbanov, a tenth grade pupil of school No. 21 in Lenin District.

"It's not easy," he answered. "But we are not the youth that looks for the easy and the simple. To know more to be able to do more—that is what both we and the state need. The state helps us by providing us with a free education, and we are anxious to pay for it a hundredfold by our labour.

Preventing Disease And Unrest In Trieste

WASHINGTON, March 8, (Reuter): A twenty million dollar loan to be used to "prevent disease and unrest" in the Anglo-American zone of the free territory of Trieste is planned by the United States.

Disclosing this today, the State Department announced it planned to ask Congress to let the Export Import Bank lend the money for the 15-month period between April one next to June 30. The loan would be sought under the law providing for help to Italy, France and Austria.

The announcement was contained in a statement sent to the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee which also said the Department would ask Congress soon to let the bank lend 500 million dollars to Latin American countries and another 65 million dollars interest free for building the United Nations Headquarters.

The State Department also said an economic rehabilitation appropriation was being planned for Japan, Korea and the Ryukyu Islands by the army authorities but the amount has "not yet been finally determined."

NAIL-PROOF TYRES

A factory is now being built at Stoke-on-Trent for the manufacture of new steel type tyres.

The body will be of metal and rubber bonded together. The cover, thoroughly pliable, will be less than half the normal thickness.

Many advantages are claimed for these "metal" tyres. They will be nail-proof — a thick pad of rubber between the tyre and the air-filled inner tube will absorb the points of nails and flints. They will enable motorists to reach very high speed with the knowledge that the heat thus generated will not affect the "metallic" walls.

Again, a softer and more resilient ride will be provided while it will be possible to carry heavier loads.

Novel Device Steps Up Yarn Output

A machine which ensures a 10 to 15 per cent increase in cotton yarn production has been developed by British textile research workers.

The purpose of this machine, called the Electrical Hygrometer is to measure the moisture condition of yarn. This job has hitherto been the responsibility of mill operatives who, however skilful, are not infallible — and a moisture condition above the specified percentage carries a risk of subsequent mildew.

The Hygrometer measures the moisture content of the yarn as it comes off the machine and records it on the motor. This enables the operative, by slowing down or speeding up the machine, to ensure that the yarn is coming off with the exact proportion — nine per cent — of moisture content.

Besides achieving a stepping up in production, the Electrical Hygrometer ensures a considerable saving in fuel because the yarn is not overdried and also less wastage of yarn in storage due to under-drying.

"Double-Skin" Cab For The Tropics

An interesting new type of insulated cab for use on super heavy-duty goods chassis has been designed by a North England firm.

To keep the cab cool in tropical climates, a double-skin is used throughout its construction. This skin is formed by layers of insulating material called Isoflex (a corrugated plastic type paper) which is placed between the double panels. This method of insulation has the added advantage that it is equally applicable in cold climates where it helps to keep the cab interior warm.

As an additional precaution against the direct rays of the sun, the cab is also supplied with a detachable sun-shade panel over the roof and a well-positioned visor which runs the full width of the windscreen.

The double-skin also provides additional strength which will make the unit well to withstand rough treatment.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 9: Prices throughout most sections of the stock markets were inclined today to move lower in the absence of interest. Market circles are awaiting publication of the Government review of the economic situation. It is anticipated that this review, which will be known today after the market has closed, will paint a gloomy picture. It will not give much encouragement to the small investor. Exceptionally to the general dullish trend were South African mining issues which experienced small support for dividend payers. This market, however, closed somewhat irregular. Shipping shares were right and continued to further yesterday's gains. Leading oil shares were mostly one-thirty-second lower with Shells at 3-3/4 whilst there were loses of a few pence scattered amongst the industrial sections.

Very little interest was displayed in Foreign Bonds apart from buying of Japanese issues which recorded half point gains.

With tomorrow, the first of the new stock exchange account, an increased turnover is hoped for, Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 9, (Reuter): Tuesday's opening prices: Anaconda Copper Mining $31-1/2, General Motors $51-3/4, United States Steel Common $69, Preference unquoted.

BOMBAY MARKETS

BOMBAY, March 9, (A.P.I.): The Bombay markets remained closed today.

CROSS RATES

LONDON, March 9, (Reuter): T. T. London on New York 4.0275, Selling 4.0325, Buying.

NEW YORK, March 9, (Reuter): T. T. New York on London previous closing 4.02-3/4 to 4.03-1/4.

U.S. price of foreign silver previous closing 74-5/8 cents.

KARACHI COTTON

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KARACHI, March 9.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Cotton Ready Roller Types N. T. Rs. 71/72, L.S.S. Rs. 66, 4 F. Rs. 56/57, May Rs. 57/8. Market firm on account of rumours that 20,000 bales permits have been issued for shipments to Bombay. There was good ready demand totalling about 5,000 bales. Cottonseeds N. T. Rs. 6. Dest Rs. 8. Copras Rs. 34/8, Copra Oil Rs. 49/50. Gold Tejabi Rs. 104, Sovereigns Rs. 70, Silver Coins Rs. 127/8, steady.

WORTH STREET

NEW YORK, March 8, (U.P.A.): Worth Street buyer interest was held by grains and other commodities, in the Cotton Cloth market today.

Buyers in sheeting and print cloth departments remained on the sidelines anticipating further offerings from second hands below the mill levels.

WOOL TOPS MARKET

NEW YORK, March 8, (U.P.A.): Wool tops closed barely steady, 30 to 35 lower today.

RAJADHYAKSHA AWARD

Shorter Hours For Railwaymen

Periodic Rest And Leave Concessions

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF CENTRAL GOVT.

NEW DELHI, March 10:

Supporting reduced hours of work for Railway servants, Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha has recommended in his adjudication award proposals which would entail the engagement of about 79,000 more men by the Indian Railways and an additional recurring expenditure of Rs. 6 1/2 crores per annum.

He has also favoured a weekly rest of at least a full night and a full day for all 'continuous' and 'intermittent' workers and a fortnightly rest of 24 hours for other staff. His other recommendations liberalise the existing leave rules for inferior and daily-rated staff and suggest the provision of satisfactory leave reserves.

Mr. Rajadhyaksha was appointed by the Government of India in 1946 to adjudicate in the dispute between nine Government Railways (viz., N.W., E.I., B.N., B.A., G.I.P., B.B. C.I, O.T., M.S.M., and S.I.) and their workmen. The dispute was in respect of hours of work, periodic rests, leave reserves and leave rules and holiday concessions to daily-rated and inferior staff. The award of the adjudicator was submitted to the Government in May, 1947 and as such covers all the State Railways that existed in undivided India.

The Report emphasises that all categories of Railway workers including loco and traffic running staff such as engine crew, guards and brakesmen should be brought within the scope of the Hours of Employment Regulations and should be reclassified These Regulations, which apply to Railwaymen other than those who are governed by the Factories Act or the Mines Act, implement the I.L.O. Conventions of 1919 and 1921. They provide a 60-hour week, rest periods and overtime allowances for 'continuous' workers and an 84-hour week with no statutory rest for essentially 'intermittent' workers. Owing to the nature of their work, certain classes are excluded from the benefits conferred by the Regulations.

RECLASSIFICATION OF WORKERS

The adjudicator has suggested the classification of railway servants into 'intensive', 'continuous', essentially intermittent' and 'excluded' categories instead of the present three categories. The intensive class will include section controllers, staff employed in line-clear work, yard staff, signallers on heavy circuits and wireless operators. Any railway servant employed continuously without a respite of at least six hours will be included in the 'continuous' class. Such of the staff whose work includes periods of inaction aggregating six hours or more will be classified as 'essentially intermittent'. The 'excluded' categories are to be limited to supervisory staff, health and medical services, persons employed in a confidential capacity, saloon attendants etc.

In the matter of classification, the Report has stressed that he Chief Labour Commissioner should be the final authority to whom appeals should lie over the decisions of the Administrations. It is also recommended that the Chief Labour Commissioner's organisation should be strengthened and that each Railway Administration should have a separate organisation to supervise the application of the Regulations.

HOURS OF WORK

The Report lays down that 'intensive' staff should be employed on four shifts of 6 hours each, 'continuous' workers three shifts of 8 hours each, and essentially intermittent staff on two shifts of 12 hours each. The statutory limits suggested are 45 hours per week for 'intensive' staff, 54 hours per week for 'continuous' workers and 75 hours per week for 'essentially intermittent' workers. No limit is prescribed for the 'excluded' class but the Report cautions that "this should not absolve the administrations of the responsibility on humanitarian grounds, of seeing that unreasonable conditions are continuous' workers three shifts of 12 hours the hours of work in respect of running staff should be calculated from their signing on to signing off.

PERIODIC REST

A rest of at least 30 consecutive hours in a week, which will automaticaly include a full night and a full day, is recommended for all 'intensive' and 'continuous' workers. A 24-hour period including a full night is suggested as weekly rest for 'essentially intermittent' workers. For 'excluded' inferior staff, a period of 48 consecutive hours in a month or 24 consecutive hours in a fortnight is recommended as the minimum rest. The Report has suggested the employment of special staff by the Railways for the provision of this relief.

"GENEVA A.S.MS."

Under the present rules, a weekly rest of 24 consecutive hours is prescribed for 'continuous' workers. According to the Report, this entails great hardship on certain staff such as Assistant Station Masters who are obliged to work once or twice a week for 12 hours at the stretch (popularly known as a long 'on') and to have only a short 'off', for example, from 4 p.m. to 12 p.m. or 12 noon to 8 p.m. The Report says that "the administrations have generally been able to provide 24 conscutive hours rest to 'continuous' staff employed in a continuous process in the shape of long 'ons' and short 'offs', otherwise called 'double duty'. This is a clumsy device which robs the concession of its grace and value". This system is said to be very unpopular with the staff and the Adjudicator discourages it as "repugnant to any commonsense conception of weekly rest" It is pointed out that for some time this evil was eliminated at certain stations where the work was heavy by the appointment of relieving staff known as "Geneva A.S.MS."

REST FOR RUNNING STAFF.

As regards running staff, the Report has recommended that their duty should not exceed 10 hours at a stretch. Periodic rests for them should consist of four periods of not less than 22 hours each in a month. Such rest should always include a night in bed and be given at headquarters. As far as possible they should have such rest once in every ten days. It is further suggested that the Railway Board should issue instructions against continual night duty by running staff for more than six nights consecutively and against keeping the running staff away from headquarters from more than three or four days at a stretch.

LEAVE RULES AND RESERVES.

The Report has suggested that in respect of railway servants who will be classified as Class IV, in accordance with the Pay Commission's recommendations, leave on full pay should be allowed to be accumulated upto four months in the case of those with over 20 years service upto three months in the case of those with 10 to 20 years of service and two months in the case of others. Twenty days leave on half pay should be admissible per year to staff with over 20 years' service and 15 days for other staff. Casual leave should be admissible upto 15 days in a year. In the case of workshop staff, 15 days' paid holidays should be allowed in lieu of casual leave. These recommendations are designed to narrow down the gap between Class III and Class IV services in the matter of leave rules. The leave concessions admissible to persons in Class IV services after 20 years of service will be the same as those in Class III services.

Among the methods and principles suggested by the adjudicator for the general guidance of administrations with a view to placing leave reserves on a satisfactory basis are the following:— For categories of staff for whom suitable substitutes are readily available, a lump-sum grant should be placed at the disposal of the District Officer with power to appoint substitutes whereever necessary within that amount. For categories for whom it is not possible to find substitutes, adequate leave reserve based on the leave usually taken by the staff should be provided. In other cases a reserve should be provided on the basis of the minimum leave requirements. For exceptionally unhealthy areas, a suitable addition varying from 3 to 5 per cent of the working strength should be made to the reserve. For purposes other than leave, a specified reserve calculated on the basis of an estimate of the actual requirements, should be provided except in the case of categories for whom substitutes are available.

Mr. Rajadhyaksha was assisted by two assessors in his enquiry which lasted nearly a year. He held in all 101 sittings and examined 249 witnesses at Bombay, Lahore, Gorakhpur, Calcutta, Nagpur, Madras, Trichinopoly and Delhi. During his tour he visited railway stations, workshops, sheds and offices in order to acquire first hand information on the nature and conditions of work performed by railwaymen.

Under Central Govt's. Consideration

NEW DELHI, March 10.

The industrial dispute between nine major Indian Government Railways and their respective workmen was referred for adjudication under Rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules to Mr. G. S. Rajadhyaksha of the Bombay High Court by a notification dated April 23, 1946. The matter in dispute related to hours of work, periodic rest, leave reserves and leave rules for daily-rated and inferior staff. Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha submitted his award on May 15, 1947.

The Central Government is giving detailed consideration to the recommendations made by him, some of which also related to matters dealt with in the report of the Central Pay Commission, which too are under examination. Pending a decision on the various recommendations, it has been decided that the award should be made available to the public without further delay. Printed copies of Volume I of the Adjudicator's report containing the award can be had from the Manager of Publications, Central Publication Branch, Delhi.

SOME HUMOUROUS EVIDENCE.

The Adjudicator's report in the trade dispute between nine Government Railway Administrations and their workmen contains some humorous passages about the general nature of the evidence.

The report says: "While some of the witnesses gave evidence with a realisation o a sense of, responsibility, certain others in trying to establish the strenuous nature of the work done indulged ih over estimates and exaggerations and resorted to picturesque languages. For instance a Guard on the N.W. Railway described the conditions of his service as 'working like a donkey eating lige a camel and sleeping like a dog.' A trollyman on the J.I.P. railway stated that he had to push a trolly up the Ghat on a gradient of 1 in 45 for several miles, a feat which was physically an impossibility.

Some of the witnesses made extravagant demands; as for example a Yard Station Master on the S.I. Railway suggested that instead of three Yard Station Masters doing duty at present at Trichinopoly there should be sixteen. Another witness, a Parcel Clerk suggested that a Road Van Clerk doing three hours night duty needed 36 hours rest before he could be called upon to do another spell of night duty.

Evidence of this type was hardly likely to inspire confidence but on the whole the evidence led by the Unions did disclose certain instances of misclassification, of working beyond rostered hours and of refusal of leave sometimes when it was badly needed."

Interim Govt. For Indonesia Installed

Van Mook Appointed Chairman

BATAVIA, March 9, (Reuter): The Interim Government for Indonesia under the Chairmanship of Dr. Hubertus Van Mook, Dutch Lieutenant Governor-General, was installed today. The Government, which was first announced in a Netherlands Government declaration in September last year, will bridge the period until January 1, 1949 when the United States of Indonesia will be established as a Sovereign State.

Dutch sources here said that although the Dutch Government intended that the Indonesian republicans should be represented in the Government, political differences made this inclusion impossible for the time being. Seats had been reserved for them however.

The new Government consists of Dr. Van Mook and eleven Secretaries of State, three Extraordinary Secretaries of State and the Commander of the Dutch Sea and Land Forces in Indonesia. Raden Abdul Kadir, Leader of the Dutch Negotiating Delegation, is Vice-Chairman.

Officials said the constitutional position and responsibility of Dr. Van Mook remained unchanged in accordance with the sovereignty of the Netherlands in the interim period.

Actual Government tasks, however, would be in the hands of Dr. Van Mook and the Interim Government jointly.

A representative body along the lines of the American Congressional system had been thought of, it was stated although I was realised that realisation of this idea would be difficult while a House of Representatives could not be assembled by democratic means.

A conference would be called soon to discuss the formation of an Interim Federal representation of 30 members to serve as a temporary compromise, it was stated.

Shankerrao Deo Warns People

Atmosphere Of Hatred And Violence Is Leading Country Astray

NASIK, March 8 (A.P.I.): Mr. Shankarrao Deo, General Secretary of the Congress, today warned the people that the atmosphere of hatred and violence was leading the country astray and was dangerous to democracy.

To blame one person, Mr Deo said, or a section of the people, for the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi was thoughtless. It was the culmination of a particular ideology that was preached in the country.

Mr. Deo asked the critics of the Government to be considerate and patient. They should appreciate the immense difficulties through which the Government was finding its way. In a way, he said, they were criticising themselves. It was a Democratic State and the people were responsible for the formation of the Government They must try to improve it.

Mr. Deo appealed to all to give ten days' earnings to the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund.

Mr. Deo was presented with a purse of Rs. 21,000 on behalf of the Nasik District Congress Committee by Mr. Vasant Rao Naik, M.L.A.

INTERIM GOVT. IN TRAVANCORE

MADRAS, March 8. (A.P.I.): Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, President of the Travancore State Congress in an interview to the A.P.I. here today expressed the hope that an interim Government would be formed shortly in Travancore.

Mr. Pillai, who arrived here to-day on his way to Delhi to meet Congress leaders, referring to the possibility of the formation of an interim Government in the state, said: "there is no reason why an interim Government should not be formed in Travancore I hope one will be formed shortly either before the Constituent Assembly meets on March 20 or after that date".

Explaining the purpose of his visit to Delhi, Mr. Pillai said: "The Travancore Constituent Assembly would be meeting very soon and political changes could also be expected shortly. Therefore, it is necessary to discuss matters with the leaders of the Indian National Congress.

Asked about the nature of the future Ministry in Travancore, Mr. Pillai said that it would be purely a State Congress Ministry.

"No one who is not a member of the State Congress will be taken into the Ministry", he added.

"PRAVDA" ATTACKS BRUSSELS CONFERENCE

BRUSSELS, March 8, (Reuter): A Committee set up today by Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg will draft the proposed treaty for a Western European Union.

Representatives of the five Powers meeting today, agreed on seven points and were brought closer together on economic problems. The agreed points included some statements of principle.

The powers did not find themselves in complete agreement on problems affecting overseas territory, it was understood, and until a formula, acceptable to all parties, is found talks will be confined mainly to economic issues.

The regal advisers to the Drafting Committee, sources close to the Delegations said, were also working out a formula on arbitration before the International Court at the Hague in the event of any differences among the five countries.

The Delegations will hold the next Plenary Session tomorrow morning. Work may be completed by Wednesday.

A Reuter despatch from Moscow quoted the Soviet Communist newspaper "Pravda" as saying the Brussels Conference was typical camouflage to mask the main object of Anglo-American diplomacy—inclusion of Western Germany in the Union".

TRIBUTES TO MAHATMA IN ASSAM ASSEMBLY

Leaders' Call To Live Up To His Ideals

SHILLONG, March 8 (A.P.I.) — The Budget Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly met today and adjourned till Thursday as a mark of respect to Mahatma Gandhi. The Governor and Lady Hydari were present in the House.

After the swearing in of members, Mr. Laksheswar Barua, the Speaker, referred to the tragic assassination of Mahatma Gandhi paying his tributes, the Speaker said: "To be worthy of our great teacher let us set ourselves to work for the attainment of Bapuji's ideals."

The Premier, Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, referred to the great power and love that adorned the great soul and assured the House that the Congress Party would follow his ideals in its humble way.

Sir Mohammad Saadulla, Opposition Leader, said lip service to the Father of the Nation would be a mockery and asked all to work together to improve the condition of the common man and bring communal harmony and thereby open an era of goodwill and peace.

Mr. C. W. Morley, European group, said Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of truth and non-violence would live on and would be so the message of peace and brotherly love, not merely for India but for all the countries of the world.

The House observed two minutes' silence standing in front of Mahatma Gandhi's photograph and adjourned till Thursday.

NEW YORK, March 8, (Reuter): Thirty one pound packages of pure Morphine valued by Customs officials at about 1,000,000 dollars were seized from an American ship today.

The morphine, doubly wrapped in transparent wrapping paper, was found in the ship's kitchen.

A.I.C.C. DIRECTIVE

LUCKNOW, March 8, (API): The All-India Congress Committee in a directive to all Provincial Congress Committees says: "The time table announced by the AICC for the correction and finalisation of Congress membership rolls stands, notwithstanding its resolution about constitutional changes.

Whether it will be possible to make any use of the membership rolls is a different matter which will be decided by the AICC at a latter date.

"It is, therefore, necessary that all subordinate Congress committees in provinces must stick to the time table announced and communicated to the Provincial Congress Committees by the AICC."

Anti-Italian Demonstrations In Tripoli

Mounted Police Patrolling Streets

TRIPOLI, NORTH AFRICA, Mar. 9 (Reuter) : Mounted police patrolled the main streets here as the four power commission on the former Italin colonies began a probe of conditions in Libya.

The Commission, which arrived on Saturday after studying conditions in Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, also saw anti-Italian slogans and others calling for independence and "down with Imperialism" which appeared throughout the town yesterday.

The police were on patrol as part of general precautionary arrangements. There was rioting here last month after the arrest of two leaders of the Kutla Party (Free Nationalist Bloc) which an official statement said had been trying to intimidate Arabs and Italians to influence evidence at the hearings of the Four Power Commission.

The State of emergency proclaimed during those incidents is still in force.

Serious rioting in which 52 Italians were killed also occurred at Mogadishu, Italian Somaliland, when the Commission was there in January.

The Commission has invited all inhabitants and organisations wanting to do so to send in written declarations

There are 40,000 Italian residents in this pre-war outpost of the old Italian Empire. They seek Italian trusteeship with United Nations supervision, but the Arab population wants independence and libyan territorial unity.

All sections of the population, according to the Commission, will be given the fullest chance of proclaiming their views.

MAHARASHTRA CHAMBER

Views On India Budget

Following are the views of the Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce on the India Government's Budget Proposals for 1948-49:—

Considering the huge problems such as rehabilitation of refugees food shortage rising price level the Kashmir military operations etc., with which the Union Government is called upon to deal, the Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce feel that the Finance Minister has on the whole acquitted himself well in the situation facing.

GOOD OMENS

The Committee find reliefs in taxation by way of reduction in business Profit-Tax, Super-Tax and in the tax on undistributed profits etc. which are good omens for which consumer and industry will be thankful. The concession given to small companies i.e. taxation of companies having an income of Rs. 25,000 or less per year at half the usual rates, will encourage the growth of smaller companies "which" as the Hon'ble Member puts it, "will be in the line with our general pattern of Industrial Development". The same way exemption from export duty of the production handlooms cloth will mean an encouragement to this second largest industry of the country.

SMALL BUSINESSMAN'S CLAIMS

The claim of the small businessman with moderate income has not received the consideration it deserves. The Committee, therefore suggest the raising of the exemption limit for income-tax purposes from Rs. 25,000/- to Rs. 3,000. This concession if granted will also go to benefit the hardhit middle class people in these days or rising prices.

The Committee welcome (a) the exemption to reasonables contribution to approved charities from income-tax and (b) the relief in regard to the Municipal taxes on house property.

The Committee suggest that new industrial concerns could well have been exempted from all direct taxation on so much of their profits as do not exceed 5 pc. of the capital employed during the first five years.

ROME, March 8, (Reuter): The Italian Government has been invited by the British and French Governments to resume its place on the Control Committee of the International zone of Tangier, the British Embassy announced here tonight.

CONSERVATIVE M.P. RAISES SCARE IN COMMONS

Doubtful Of Britain's Position In Future War

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter): If India, Pakistan and Ceylon did not fight with the British Commonwealth in the event of war breaking out Britain would have no bases in the Indian Ocean, Admiral Taylor (Conservative), said in the debate on the navy estimates in the House of Commons last night.

It was quite impossible, he said, to have any imperial defence at all unless there was certainty that every unit of the Commonwealth and Empire would play its part.

"All the dominions have the choice of coming in or not. India, Pakistan and Ceylon, today members of the British Commonwealth, might come in with us but there is a vast difference—and I am not saying this against them—between the people of India, Pakistan and Ceylon and the people of the great dominons like Australia, New Zealand and Canada, who are our kith and kin.

"Supposing they did not come in, we should have no bases in the Indian Ocean"

It would have been impossible for Britain to continue the last war if the Mediterranean had been closed and if South Africa had remained neutral and Britain had no base at Capte Town, Admiral Taylor declared.

Therefore every new addition to the Commonwealth made it more difficult to get an imperial defence unless every unit coming in could be implicitly relied on to fight with Britain if war broke out.

The Government spokesman, Mr. W. J. Edwards, made no reference to Admiral Taylor's remarks when he replied to the debate.

Indo-Pakistan Import-Export Restrictions

CALCUTTA, March 8, (A. P. I.): Restrictions on import from, or export to, Pakistan of gold jewellery, currency notes, securities, etc., under Foreign Exchange Regulation, Act, 1947, are not to be enforced till March 31 owing to the Standstill Agreement regarding foreign exchange between India and Pakistan upto that date, says a notification by the Collector, Land Customs, Calcutta, issued today. They are, however, subjected to import duty under the Land Customs Act as per customs tariff schedule.

BANGKOK, March 9. (Reuter): Denmark, Norway, and Switzerland to-day recognised the Siamese Government of Khuang Abhaiwongse, who was elected Premier on Feb. 22.

No Persecution Of Muslims In Junagadh

Ayyangar Refutes Allegations: India Prepared For Another Plebiscite, He Says.

LAKE SUCCESS, March 8 (U. P. A): The United Nations Security Council today acting upon the suggestion of President T. F. Tsiang voted to "push forward the Kashmir question" which will be taken up in the next meeting, March 10, 07.30 G.M.T. (12-30 p.m. I.S.T.)

Today's four-and-quarter hours discussion found the Indian delegation inviting the United Nations to sponsor a new plebiscite in Junagadh and the Pakistan spokesman reiterating the stand that all plebiscites be taken under fair conditions.

Leader of the Indian delegation Gopalaswami Ayyangar repeated and elaborated on M. K. Vellodi's previous point by point answers to the charges by Pakistan's Zafrullah Khan.

Ayyangar said there had been no persecution of Muslims by the present administration of Junagadh and "if any person has left his home and wants to come back he will be given every protection and help. There is peace and order throughout the state."

Ayyangar said he was not trying to influence the Council's decision whether to hold a new plebiscite, but he cited the results of the recent voting in which, he said, 11,816 of Junagadh's 11,907 Muslims favoured accession to India.

Junagadh's accession to Pakistan might comply with the "letter of the law...but geographic and other compulsions make such an accession fantastic. Junagadh is practically an island in the ocean of states which have acceded to India... The idea has almost the appearance of an attempt to lead India into a trap," Ayyangar said.

"The main demand by Pakistan is that the administration of the state should be restored to the Nawab. The Nawab abandoned his state for fear of his life and has not yet attempted to establish contact again with his beloved people. The Dewan also has fled. The Council of Ministers had been dissolved and no longer exists. Thus there is no remnant of the old administration to be restored."

GUR STOCKS IN KOLHAPUR MOUNTING UP

KOLHAPUR, March 3 (API): More than 900,00 stones of gur (jaggery) have been held up in Kolhapur for want of transport facilities and the accumulating stocks are mounting up with avearge daily arrivals of about 20,000 stones. The daily despatch at present has fallen below four thousand stones.

The accumulation of stocks has affected the price of even fresh arrivals and commercial circles fear a heavy slump in he market. The price of a eight-maund stone ranged between Rs. 45 to Rs. 104 during December last and has now fallen between 24 and 48 Rupees.

A spokesman of the Kolhapur Gur Merchants Association said that all the 900,000 stones had already been sold in advance to dealers in the Gujerat, Cutch, Madras, and Karnatak markets. Nearly two-thirds of this stock would not last long and it was urged that bookings should be provided for these stocks. He stated that representation had already been made to the Railway Authorities and a representative of the Association had been deputed to Madras for making arrangements for transport facilities.

The total receipts of jaggery in Kolhapur market this year is expected to run into about 27 lakhs of stones as compared to 21 lakhs of stones last year.

Russia Attacks Anglo-U.S Manoeuvres In Germany

Challenges Legality Of London Conference Decisions

MOSCOW, March 8, (Reuter): The Soviet Government announced tonight that its Ambassador in London handed a note to the British Foreign office on Saturday stating that the Soviet Government considered the decisions reached at the London conference on Germany were "incapable of having legality and international authority".

The note said that while Russia had "consistently been adhering to a policy of unanimity among the four powers" the other three "directly rejected" such a policy as far back as 1946. These powers bore responsibility for paralysing the work of the Control Council, it said.

The note also declared that after the failure of the Moscow and London Foreign Ministers conferences, which it blamed on the United States, Britain and France, the so called "American plan" for Europe, including Germany, became the basis of the policy which "aggressive circles" in these three countries were carrying out, the object being the conversion of western Germany into a colony.

The Soviet Ambassadors in Washington and Paris handed similar notes to the Governments there.

INDIAN MERCHANTS BUREAU IN LONDON

LONDON, March 8, (Reuter): 35 firms have joined the Indian Merchants' Bureau within a fortnight of its being inaugurated in London.

Both the Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. L. Sethia, of K. C. Sethia Ltd., Calcutta jute merchants, and the Chairman, Mr. L. T. Shamdasani, general shipper from Sind and had been in London for 27 years, are highly satisfied with the progress so far made.

"The desire of Indian merchants in Britain to join hands in such an organisation is very evident," Mr. Sethia told Reuter's tonight. "Already funds have been placed at our disposal".

The founder members meet in three weeks time to approve the rules now being examined by a solicitor, and to elect officials and formulate the policy of this newest Indian organisation in Britain.

RICKSHAW PULLERS' PROTEST

SURAT, March 9. (A.P.I.): The rickshaw drivers of Surat observed a one-day hartal yesterday as a protest against Government's action banning rickshaws as "this would deprive them of their daily means of livelihood".

Over 1,500 drivers paraded the main streets of the town and held a meeting in the evening. A resolution requesting the Government to extend the period of the prohibitory order thus granting the persons employed in this trade to get time to find alternate employment was passed at the meeting.

Need For Closer Co-operation Of East

Transjordan Ambassador's Greetings To Pandit Nehru

NEW DELHI, March 8 (API): "Our coming to the capital of your great country to fulfil this duty is a proof that the East, after new awakening and the need for closer co-operation, has begun to feel conscious of a common goal", said His Excellency Mohammed Pasha Al Shuraiqi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister of State of Transjordan, greeting the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in Delhi last Saturday

King Abdullah in his message to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru wished all best wishes for the welfare and happiness of "great India" and since the beginnings of cordiality between all nations of the East and in particular to "dear India which is the shining pride of the East".

Conveying this message, the Ambassador Extra-ordinary said: "with the object of expressing these feelings and appreciation, we have come to you. The passing clouds have not been able to cover the horizon of our hopes an faith in the freedom of East and its progressive message which was nursed with patience and sacrifice by that immortal leader of India, Mahatma Gandhi. That great man who made the world listen even in his deep silence, the voice of an absolute faith in the human brotherhood showed them the reality of life which never vanishes. By paying our tributes to the memory of the great leader who is no more with us and to the great message of the East, we are only pointing to that light which was fed by the tears and blood of human beings in order to shed light on the right path and on human beauty estimated by different standards which in fact are the same under the light, the Hashimite kingdom of Transjordan heartily offers its blessings on the declaration of India as an 'independent State' taking her significant place among the nations of the world for the maintenance of peace and in the service of civilisation and progress.

"Permit me to assure you of the closer and cordial relations between our two Eastern and friendly States".

TRUMAN TO BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

WASHINGTON, March 8 (Reuter): President Truman declared today, through the Democratic National Chairman Senator Howard McGrath that he will run for President this year if nominated by the Party's national convention.

Senator McGrath quoted the President as saying his position on the civil rights programme was unchanged.

This was a reference to Mr. Truman's campaign for Federal Legislation against lynching and racial discrimination.

Mr. Truman's nomination had been taken for granted until recent weeks.

But there has been a revolt against his leadership during the past few weeks by important party members from the Southern States on the grounds that his civil rights recommendations to Congress violated the rights of individual States.

Many of these Southern Democrats had been discussing the possibility of running a Presidential candidate of their own against Mr. Truman for nomination at the Party convention.

MACARTHUR'S VIEW

NEW YORK, March 8 (Reuter):—New York Radio announced tonight that General Douglas MacArthur Allied Commander-in-Chief in Japan said in Tokyo today that he would accept the Presidency of the United States "if it was offered by the American peoples", but that he would not actively campaign if nominated.

MADRAS, March 8 (A.P.I.): The Madras Government have decided to abolish control over the internal distribution of yarn in this province with effect from the March 16, 1948. The Madras yarn dealers control order, 1947 will therefore stand repealed after that date.

JAPANESE TEXTILES FOR U.S. CONSUMPTION?

BY WILLIAM R. SEARS, UPA Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK March 7—A responsible government official recently scotched rumours in textile circles here that the government had made and then abandoned plans to admit Japanese cotton textiles for consumption in the United States.

He said simply, "There never was any decision to admit such goods for sale in this country so how could the decision have been altered?"

This source declared flatly, "There is no statute whatever on the books, to my knowledge, which prevents an importer in this country from requesting Japanese textiles for sale in this country." He inferred, however, that the Japanese Board of Trade (Boeki-Cho) would undoubtedly refuse to sell textiles to any merchant that listed its ultimate destination as this country.

He similarly inferred that this Boeki-Cho policy was a tacit agreement with sources of raw cotton in the United States which insisted Japanese finished products be excluded as a condition for selling the raw goods.

This informant declared that the talk in textile trade circles originated from a fear the government might take steps to admit Japanese textiles rather than any policy statement to that effect.

He said, "The very alert textile trade recognizes something that everybody in foreign trade knows: the areas that can buy in this country, or anywhere else for that matter, are dwindling. When Japan sells, it must sell for dollars because of several reasons. First, the Occupation forces want to make the Japanese economy support the occupation to the fullest extent possible and thus reduce dollars expenditure demanded from the United States. Second, in order to buy raw materials in the United States or negotiate loans—such as the $30,000,000 currently being discussed—it must have dollars. Hence, when Japan sells finished goods, it must sell them to dollar areas."

"Now," he continued, "you know as well as I that the whole world lacks dollars. Their economies do not produce enough of what we want to buy so that they can get our dollars. As a result, the areas with dollars try to conserve them for absolute necessities. More, they try to do business with other currencies.

VEILED THREAT

"Somewhere along the line, especially in view of this world wide shortage of textiles, someone said it would be a nice thing if dollars could be gotten for Japanese textiles from the most abundant source of dollars—the United States. For all I know this may be a veiled threat to other dollar areas that if they don't shake loose with the dollars they have, Japanese textiles will come to this country and then, they'll have to pay higher prices to get them. I wouldn't know about that. It's just a guess."

The fact of the matter is, this source stated, that it is Boeki-Cho which in order to insure a continuing supply of American cotton has agreed not to sell Japanese textiles for consumption in the United States.

They are admitted here as gray goods only after importers post bonds promising that after processingg the goods will be re-exported.

"I would be really curious, however," this source said, "to see what would happen in this case. Suppose an importer buys finished goods in Japan and loads them into ships with Egypt as its destination. And, let's say, once they come within sight of the Suez Canal, this importer decides that since the ship is going on to a United States port, say New York, he'll just let the goods continue. I know of no law to prevent him from registering those goods for entry, from paying the duty on those goods and putting them on the market for sale. It would be a curious thing to see, indeed."

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 8, (Reuter).

COTTON: The early easiness was due to hedging and liquidation although there was little news to account for the opening decline. Prices temperarily rallied on trade support and mild covering but met renewed pressure, apparently influenced by the rapid deterioration in the European political situation and reports that the Marshall plan may meet stiff opposition in the house of representatives. Sentiment was also affected by Washington rumours that some plan may be proposed to tax speculative trading in grains and possibly in orther markets. The afternoon was featured by recurrent waves of liquidation which forced out selling orders to stop losses. Demand was apathetic owing to the weakness of grains and the disquieting international political conditions. Talk of further delays in the Marshall plan and the uncertainties in connection with forward cotton goods business contributed to the unsettlement. The session closed weak. The sales were 400,000 bales.

STOCKS: The weakening tendency of commodities interrupted the opening extension of last week's recovery. The early gains were mostly reduced or erased. Buyers turned cautious further studying domestic and international affairs. Consideration was also given to the C. I. O. monthly report which said that using the 1947 aggregate corporation profit of 17,000 million dollars as base, all corporations could grant a ton per cent pay rise without raising prices and still enjoy the same profits as in 1946 of 12,500,000,000. The averages were industrials 168.39 and rails 49.73. The market met occasional increased pressure owing to the unsettlement of commodities and Finland's acceptance of the Soviet pact. Industrials led the set-back with most of the earlier steady groups following though selling was unimportant and losses covered only one dollar though over a fairly wide range. Steels failed to respond to the gain in operations and the fact they were the highest since May 1944. Department stores ignored some good reports with searsoobuck sales in February the highest on record. The session finished at the day's worst with rallying attempts lacking. The market closed easy.

CHICAGO GRAINS were weak with soybeans, nearby wheat and maize deliveries dropping the daily permissible limit on a general liquidation movement. The decline was attributed to lack of news concerning Government acceptance of flour offered and favourable weather for the winter wheat crop. The sharp decline in cotton, the foreign political situation and talk that commodity traders may suffer new taxation were additional disturbing factors.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 8.	
March	33.09
May	33.08
July	32.47
October	29.60
December	29.10
March nominal	28.80
May nominal	28.52
July nominal	28.00
Middling Spot	33.98

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, March 8	
March bid	32.81
May	32.88
July	32.28
October	29.60
December bid	29.06
Middling Spot	32.90

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, March 8.

American Telephone and Telegraph	150-5/8
Amerex Holding Co.	25
Anaconda Copper Mining	31-3/8
Chase National Bank	35
Sinclair Oil Co.	16-3/4
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	45-5/8
General Electric Co.	32-3/8
General Motors	51-3/4
Ingersoll Rand	122-1/2
International Nickel	25
National City Bank of New York	38-3/8
New York Central Rail Road Co.	13
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15-3/8
Texas Corporation	53-1/2
Union Carbon and Carbide	98
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	44
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	69
Western Union Telegraph	18-7/8
U.S. Price of Foreign Silver	74-5/8

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 8.

Silver Spot 45 pence, Forward 45 pence. Gold £8/12/3.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, March 8.

T. T. London on:—

New York selling 4.0275, buying 4.0325, Madrid 44.00, Montreal selling 4.0275, buying 4.0325, Zurich selling 17.34, buying 17.36, Stockholm 14.47 to 14.50.

SWISS INDUSTRIES FAIR IN BASLE IN 1948

At the 32nd Swiss Industries Fair in Basle (10th to 20th April 1948) emphasis will once again be laid on the export industries.

The Fair management has done everything possible to arrange those exhibits which appeal particularly to the export trade in as highly concentrated a manner as possible. The Swiss machinery industry takes up once again by far the most room and will, in view of the very large number of firms involved, in 1948 be spread over several halls. This extremely instructive display is sub-divided into actual machinery for the metal-working industry, then machinery for wood-working the textile industry and the building trade, in addition to machinery for the graphic trade and for the foodstuffs and beverages industry.

Both the chemical industry and the electrical industry will play an important part in the range of exhibits displayed this year. In a new three-storey building there are exhibits dealing with electrical installation material, electrical measuring instruments, electric clocks for domestic and public use mechanical measuring instruments, optics and photography, accessories for the watchmaking industry and finally medicinal instruments and apparatus and, owing to the exigencies of space, also the group embracing wireless and music.

One of the largest halls is occupied entirely by the very extensive Swiss textile industry, including the footwear industry. In a new building of stately form there will be the special display of Fashion 'Creations' and some other details of the clothing industry.

Commensurate with its importance as one of the leading export industries, the watchmaking industry has arranged for the most complete display of its products, in their diverse and dignified presentation, in the Entrance Hall to the Main Building of the Fair.

The 1948 Industries Fair can thus become one of the most impressive exponents of Swiss production and it will be in a position to present foreign buyers with a choice display of all categorys of high-class Swiss goods.

INDIANS NOT YET RIPE FOR 6-DAY TEST STANDARD

Pankaj Gutpa's View: Indian Team Arrives In Colombo

COLOMBO, March 8 (Reuter): The Indian Cricket team arrived here this afternoon aboard the "Stratheden" on its way back from Australia.

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Manager of the team told Reuter that the tour was definitely a great success.

"I have found we are not yet right up to the six-day Test match standard, which requires considerable stamina and vigour", he said.

"We had all bad luck with an inferior side and Australians had all the good luck with a superior side. There was nothing in the whole tour, which was in our favour, excepting general sympathy of Australians which was always with us".

Mr. Gupta regretted he was not able to play a match in Colombo, but assured Mr. M. K. M. Ismail, Secretary, Ceylon Cricket Association, who on behalf of the Association received the team aboard the ship that he would try to arrange a match at Colombo during the latter part of this year.

The Captain of the team Lala Amarnath said, "We have learnt a great deal from the tour and I am quite confident it will be specially very beneficial for younger players, namely, Phadkar, Adhikari and Sarwate".

He was touched with the hospitality the Australians extended to them and particularly appreciated the constructive and encouraging criticism voiced by the Australian press and public. "At the same time I can't help mentioning about our Indian-born English cricketer, Duleepsinghji, whose criticism was very destructive and discouraging to us from the beginning of the tour, which demoralised the younger players too much", Amarnath said.

The "Stratheden" which entered Colombo harbour flying the flag of the Indian cricket team will sail for Bombay late tonight.

ARABS PREPARING FOR FINAL SHOWDOWN

Liberation Army Ready To Swoop Down On Jews

SAMARIAN MOUNTAIN HEADQUARTERS OF "ARAB LIBERATION ARMY", March 9 (Reuter): Staff officers of Fawzi Bey Kawukji, Arab Commander-in-Chief, states that the first steps in the Arab campaign against the Jews in Palestine will be probing raids and reconnaissance in force to test the strength of Jewish defences, cables Seagham Maynes, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

These will be followed by attacks on Jewish communications and the "Arab Liberation Army", (known by the Arabs as the Yarmuk Army) will enter into full-scale warfare.

Kawukji has established headquarters in the same village from which he operated during the 1936 to '39 revolt against the British.

The Arab troops covering all the approaches to the village and manning the perimeters of the mountain stronghold of low grey strongly built stone houses, are a disciplined force. They carefully check the identities of visiting Arab chieftains who enter the village.

The Arab guards are armed with Thompson, Sten or German Schemeisser machineguns.

Other troops, mounted on fine Arab horses and with rifles slung on their backs, patrolled the approaches to the mountain headquarters.

Kawukji has just completed a tour of Samarian and Galilean villages during which he told big crowds of cheering armed Arabs:

"I have come to fight until Palestine is free".

Kawukji is reported to have under his command a number of Bren gun carriers and armoured fighting vehicles.

But he would not disclose his armoured strength nor the calibre of his artillery.

At a Press Conference in a low ceilinged stone house a member of the Commander's staff, speaking in German, said:

"The Jews made the biggest tactical mistake in not launching an attack against the Arabs during the early days when the Arabs had only stones and knives.

"Now it is too late.

"We have automatic weapons and enough light artillery and plenty of trained men to use such weapons. Heavier stuff is on the way".

Staff officers—most of them are able to speak German and some have German wives—said, "The Arab liberation army" had the backing of all Arab States and more arms and ammunition, including heavy artillery, were ready to be moved into battle against the Jews.

One officer said a number of Britons were fighting side by side with the Arabs and "many hundreds" had applied for permission to travel to Palestine to enlist as volunteers.

Most noticeable effect of the new discipline among the Arabs was the absence of wastage of ammunition in celebration shooting and the military bearing of the uniformed men around the mountain headquarters. They stood to attention when addressed and snapped smart salutes.

Most of them are Syrian trained and there is also a heavy sprinkling of Iraqi and Syrian soldiers in addition to some Yugoslav Muslims.

No artillery was noticeable in the Headquarters area, but there were plenty of automatic weapons.

In the surrounding hills volleys of shots indicated that Arab squads were undergoing battle training.

Kawukji is expected to tour the "triangle of terror between the strongholds of Nablus, Jenin and Tulkarm where he waged fierce guerilla war against the British and Jews 20 years ago.

MERGER OF JEWISH FIGHTING FORCES NOT COMPLETE

Fusion Still Under Consideration

JERUSALEM, March 9 (Reuter): Despite Jewish sources reports from Tel Aviv that the Jewish "fighting forces" had merged under a single high command, it was learned here late last night that fusion of Haganah, Jewish Defence Army, and the Terrorist group, Irgun Zvai Leumi, was still under discussion and that an official decision was unlikely before Wednesday.

Irgun was understood to be pressing for the right to wipe out several senior police and army officers still on its "wanted" list.

Haganah's "High Command" was said to be insisting on an all out fight against the Arabs.

The Tel Aviv reports said that Irgun, Haganah and the Stern Gang had formed the long sought Jewish United Front against the Arabs, and that their estimated combined first-line strength of 40,000 men and women fighters would now be operated under a "high command" representing all three formations.

CENTRAL BUDGET

A Banker's Reactions

A prominent Bombay banker, supplementing his earlier interview with the "Bombay Chronicle" on the Central Budget, said:

On the whole the Budget seems to be a fair one. The remission of taxation on companies is a step towards the encouragement of the industrialists whose incentive to operate had been so severely shaken by last year's Budget. It is often overlooked, particularly by labour, that not only do the capitalists put up the money but they also provide the initiative and enterprise necessary to bring any scheme to fruition.

In levying export duties the prime consideration should not be the revenue to be derived but to ensure that after the duty is levied the article or commodity can still be offered at a competitive price in the world markets. India's export trade should be encouraged to the fullest possible extent as only by acquiring the maximum amount of foreign exchange can her large import requirements be satisfied. As there is not much which India can spare, export duties should be very sparingly levied.

There should be no discrimination in the application of company taxation. All foreign companies through taxation pay their way equally with Indian companies. It should also be remembered that discrimination of this kind, if persisted in, might well discourage the influx of foreign capital of which India may yet stand in need.

The concession in respect of income tax to companies with an income of Rs. 25,000 or less will quite probably have the effect of larger companies spliting up their activities into a number of small organisations in order to obtain the benefit of the reduced taxation. This is not conducive to strengthening the country's economy as it is obviously better to have a smaller number of larger units than a large number of very small units.

With regard to the increased import and excise duties, while the tendency, particularly in these days of intense Socialism, is always to tax the so-called luxuries, doing so obviously has its limits and, moreover, many things formerly considered to be luxuries are today the ordinary necessities of life.

Taxes should be paid according to the power of those best able to bear the burden but that does not exempt the poorer classes of society from paying any taxation at all. They too benefit from good Government and public expenditure and as they are today in a much better position than they ever were before, they should in their own way make their contribution to the country's finances.

It would therefore not be out of place to consider levying a very small tax on anything in universal use, which would raise a very large sum in revenue. The salt tax, for instance, affected no one appreciably, not even the poorest in the land, and it is taxes of this nature that could well be adopted in future.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT FOR INDIA

Giant Turbines Under Construction In Scotland

Massive hydro-electric plant, destined to play an important role in India's industrial power development projects, is now under construction at Scotland's Clydeside. Included in the manufacturing programme at the Scotstoun Engineering Works on the Clyde bank are three turbines of 20,000 h.p. each and three generators of 14,000 kilowatts each, for shipment to India.

This heavy industry, which is new to Scotland, has been introduced by Messrs. Harland and Wolff Ltd. Four huge 46,000-h.p. turbines and two 32,500-kilowatt generators under construction at the works for Loch Sloy, along with a 56,000-h.p. giant turbine, emphasise the advantages directly accruing to the home country from this new enterprise.

In addition, the firm is executing several orders for various other foreign countries—one turbine of 36,000 h.p. for New Zealand; a 10,000-h.p. one for Ceylon; and three each of 73,000 h.p. for Portugal.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 8.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	78-1/2
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-1/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-15/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-7/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114-1/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	10-11/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	118-1/2
National Bank of India	35:1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially 8,452.

U. S. SILVER.

New York, March 8.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 74-5/8 cents.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 8.

Australian Wheat (bulk) 137/6 March-April quoted.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, March 8.

March 2.43-1/2.
May 2.36-1/4 to 2.36-1/2.
July 2.19-1/2 to 2.19-3/4.
September 2.17-1/4 to 2.17-1/2.

BRITAIN AND MARSHALL AID

Two-fold Strategy For External Recovery

LONDON, March 9, (Reuter): Britain must use Marshall Aid—if it comes—to sustain her working strength and efficiency, developing new sources of supply at home, in the Sterling Area and elsewhere, rather than merely providing greater ease and comfort for her people.

This is the conclusion of an exhaustive Government report issued today reviewing the present economic state of the nation and setting out plans for 1948.

But—said the report—if Marshall Aid does not come and Britain is forced to balance her overseas payments before her reserves are exhausted, that will mean such drastic cuts in dollar and gold purchases "as will bring wholesale unemployment, distress and dislocation of our production and will delay for years the prospect of a decent standard of living for our people."

"We have a two-fold strategy for external recovery," the reports said. "First, we must reach an overall balance of payments, and second, we must achieve as quickly as possible a satisfactory means of paying the Western Hemisphere countries for our purchases from them.

"Measures to implement this policy are: Raising the rate of export, particularly to the Western Hemisphere, development of supply in British Commonwealth countries and particularly in British Colonies; an invitation to Sterling Area countries to economise in their use of dollars; and eventual restoration of multilateral trade and convertibility of currencies."

"Without Marshall Aid we should have to make further heavy cuts in our Western Hemisphere imports. Food imports have already been slashed. Any further substantial cuts would have to fall on raw materials.

Alternative sources of supply do not exist. Already the greatest practicable amount is being brought from non-dollar sources.

"Further, we should be forced drastically to revise our capital development plans. If steel and manpower devoted to machinery could buy us food and materials in 1948 we should be forced to export the equipment without regard to the contribution it could make to our economic prospects even two or three years later.

"Such further reductions would diminish greatly the support we could give to European reconstruction.

LURID PICTURE

The British Government's economic survey for 1948 published today has surprised no one by its emphasis that Britain's position will be difficult with Marshall Aid and impossible without it, cables Sydney Gampbell, Reuter's financial editor.

It paints an almost lurid picture of the disasters that might occur if there was no "certainty" of United States aid by the middle of this year or if Britain had to act on the assumption that United States aid "might" not be available.

Even assuming Marshall Aid the survey forsees disagreeable prospects.

DRAIN ON GOLD HOARD

It is hoped to reduce the drain on Britain's gold and dollar reserves in the first half of 1948 to £ 222,000,000 but this "makes no allowance for contingencies of any kind" and the rate of drain in January and February must have been much greater than this.

It may be recalled that the similar survey for 1947 published a year ago proved to have been already outdated by the coal drain in January and February.

The survey promised "the whole of the Government's planning would be strenuously devoted" to narrowing the dollar gap.

But it anticipates an increase in the proportion of Britain's export going to the Western Hemisphere only from 15.1 per cent in the second half of 1947 to 15.3 per cent in the first half of 1948 and 15.8 per cent in the second half as compared with 17.5 per cent in 1938.

The survey points out that this proportion though lower than pre-war would relate to a larger total of exports but it will certainly be criticised as utterly inadequate.

The survey argues that any really large expansion of British exports to the United States would require radical change in the importing habits of that country", but it is likely that critics will want convincing that more could not be achieved by a adical change in Britain's exporting habits or in the Governments high economic strategy which determine exports.

The survey contains some unexpected remarks notably about gold and bilateralism.

Mainly because the price of gold remained fixed while all other prices rose, the new gold production of the Sterling Area goes only about 1/3 as far as it did before the war towards covering the Sterling Areas' deficit with the Western Hemisphere.

Bilateralism to which international trade was largely reduced during the latter part of 1947 introduces "Multitudinous considerations" of the supplies of key commodities guaranteeing prices and deliveries and import restrictions to direct trade into or out of particular channels.

It did not, however, cast any light on the essential points of the terms of trade in Britain's bilateral agreements. It assumed the continuance of subsidies and of the higher school leaving age and the new National Health Service but gave no information on their costs to the public so that it will not be possible for critics to consider whether they would have preferred savings on these things rather than on some others.

BUDGET HINT

The survey adds another to Sir Stafford Cripps' recent hints that while recognising the need for anti-inflationary cuts on mass spending power he does not want to accompany them by an anti-capitalist budget in April if it is political possible to avoid one.

Enumerating anti-inflationary measures already taken the survey mentions that a large budget surplus has been secured by high taxation "particularly on profits."

No Formation Of Militia In Palestine Before May 15

Britain's Irrevocable Answer To Commission

LAKE SUCCESS, March 9. (Reuter): With the British delegate absent the remaining members of the Big Five representatives of the Security Council met yesterday to discuss procedure for their talks on Palestine. No substantive matter connected with the Palestine problem was dealt with.

It was disclosed, last night, that Britain has informed the Palestine Commission in what is regarded as her final irrevocable answer that she could not allow any militias to be formed or equipped on Palestine soil before May 15—when Britain gives up mandate—though certain minor preparatory steps might be considered possible.

The Commission had asked Britain whether she would allow preparatory steps to be taken for the cantonment of militia, their equipment and recruitment and the training of cadres.

The British replied none of these activities could be permitted before the mandate terminated and the Commission considers this reply as final.

Britain also rejected the Commission's request to be allowed to build up stocks of arms before May 15 unless the Commission was prepared to guarantee that these stocks would not be rifled by one side or the other.

The British Government asked the Commission specifically what types of arms it intended to stockpile and what guarantees it could give about their "safe custody".

As the Commission declared itself unable to comply with these conditions the matter has been dropped.

The British authorities did, however, tell the Commission that they were prepared to discuss how and when to turn over the buildings, equipment and stores of the Palestine police force which will be made available to the Commission on May 15.

No further decisions were made by the Commission on the urgent problem of food which discussions with the British are proceeding.

The Commission will to-morrow devote itself to the sterling balance situation.

Sir Alexander Cadogan, British representative, on the United Nations Security Council, is awaiting instructions from London whether he should attend to-day's meeting of the "Big Four" on Palestine, it was learned here.

Sir Alexander was invited to attend after yesterday's first meeting of the "Big Four"—United States, Russia, China and France—all permanent members of the Security Council.

KARWAR, March 8 (A.P.I.): Twenty-one temples in Karwar District, including all the public temples in Sirsi, Dasiddapur and Banvasi, were thrown open to the Harijans in the course of the "Kasturba Week", which commenced on February 22, states Mr. T. S. Naik, President, Harijan Sevak Sang Karwar District.

NORWAY EXPORTS SNOW

COPENHAGEN: Six large wagon loads of snow arrived in Denmark recently from Norway.

It is to be used for a skiing competition.

BRITAIN TO EXPORT 1,000 CARS A DAY

India, Pakistan and Burma received during 1947, despite restrictions on import licences, 11,209 motor-cars and 2,144 commercial vehicles from Britain. Subject to import restrictions, British car manufacturers hope to exceed these figures this year.

The overall plan of the motor-car industry in Britain this year is the unprecedented export of nearly 1,000 cars a day. Seventy-five per cent. of the cars now being made are for export.

Some 58,000 cars are expected to leave for Australia during the year and increased orders are being placed from all parts of the British Commonwealth.

Lord Nuffield has earmarked Rs. 1,33,12,000 for promoting the overseas sales of his products, and substantial reductions in the export prices of Morris, Wolseley and Riley cars have been made.

The income last year from overseas for cars and commercial vehicles was nearly Rs. 73,21,60,000. This year's target is Rs. 1,46,43,20,000.

To save shipping space exporters are following the wartime plan of "telescoping" cars by sending overseas crated parts for assembly on arrival.

More Ships For U.K.—India Trade

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"Clan MacLaren", launched in 1946, was the first of an entirely new type of vessel specially designed for the Clan Line's Indian routes. Since than three more have come into service—"Clan MacLachlan", "Clan MacLean" and "Clan MacLennan".

The last-named vessel is now on its maiden voyage and will call at Colombo, Madras, Calcutta, Chittagong and Rangoon. The call at Rangoon—not a usual port of call for this line—is for the purpose of delivering a cargo of locomotives which Burma has ordered from Britain.

Of the last two vessels of this class, "Clan MacLeod" is to be launched on February 13 and "Clan MacLay" in June.

All the six vessels are of about 8,500 tons deadweight.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADEN PORT TRUST.
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ENGINEER.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the appointment of an Assistant Engineer in the Port Engineer's Department of the Aden Port Trust.

Applicants should be not less than 28 years of age, should hold a recognised Engineering Degree or equivalent qualifications and have had good experience in the work pertaining to the Engineering branch of a local authority. Preference will be given to candidates with experience of harbour work and hydrographical surveying.

The salary attached to the post is Rs. 400-20-500 a month plus Rs. 50/- a month cost of living allowance. Rs. 60/- a month travelling allowance, free unfurnished quarters are provided and a water allowance is paid. Free medical attention but not hospital expenses. A second class passage for the selected candidate and his wife, should he be married, will be provided between Bombay and Aden on first appointment and on completion of the contract period between Aden and Bombay.

The contract will be for three years subject to a probationary period of six months with three months leave on full pay at termination of contract. If services are satisfactory the successful candidate may then be appointed to the Permanent Establishment and be entitled to the benefits accruing thereto.

Applicants should apply in their own handwriting stating their age, race, religion height, previous experience and when available. Applications should be accompanied with copies of recent testimonials and a recent photograph, and addressed to Messrs. Cowasjee Dinshaw and Bros., Agents, Aden Port Trust, 121, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay No. 1. 7681

ADEN PORT TRUST.
APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEERING SUBORDINATE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the appointment of an Engineering Subordinate in the Port Engineer's Department of the Aden Port Trust

Applicants should be good draughtsmen, have a sound knowledge of building construction, be capable of conducting simple surveys; be familiar with the preparation of Bills of Quantities and Specifications and be capable of setting out works and measuring up. A knowledge of hydrographical surveying would be an advantage.

Applicants must have completed a satisfactory course at a recognised Engineering College or Institution and should also have had practical experience in the field and office.

The salary attached to the post is Rs. 250-10-300 a month plus Rs. 40/- a month cost of living allowance, Rs. 60/- a month travelling allowance, free unfurnished quarters or house allowance in lieu thereof are provided and a water allowance is paid. Free medical attention but not hospital expenses. A second class passage for the selected candidate and his wife, should he be married, will be provided between Bombay and Aden on first appointment and on completion of the contract period between Aden and Bombay.

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ADEN PORT TRUST.
APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEERING DRAUGHTSMAN.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of an Engineering Draughtsman in the Port Engineer's Department of the Aden Port Trust.

The work involved will be mainly civil engineering but applicants should be acquainted with mechanical engineering drawing. They should also be familiar with the principles of building construction and be able to plot surveys.

The salary attached to the post is Rs. 160-5-175 a month plus Rs. 40/- a month cost of living allowance, free unfurnished quarters or house allowance in lieu thereof are provided and a water allowance is paid. Free medical attention but not hospital expenses. A second class passage for the selected candidate and his wife, should he be married, will be provided between Bombay and Aden on first appointment and on completion of the contract period between Aden and Bombay.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

WE HAVE PLEASURE in announcing that we have taken over Messrs. EASTERN CHEMICAL CO. (INDIA) as a going concern and that the business will continue to function under the old name and style of the EASTERN CHEMICAL CO. (INDIA). Patrons and Clientele are requested to continue to extend their esteemed patronage and valued co-operation to us.

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CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
TENDERS

Tenders are invited in sealed covers from approved C.P.W.D. contractors for the noted below works at the estimated cost given against each item.

These will be received by the undersigned on 16-3-48 at 12 noon and will be opened on the same day at 12-30 p.m.

1. Erection of steel hangars to provide passenger facilities and office accommodations at S'cruz Aerodrome—S. H. Providing accommodation for Inland and foreign traffic—Estimated cost Rs. 88,700/-
2. Conversion of temporary barracks into residential quarters at Santa Cruz Aerodrome—Drainage and water supply—Estimated cost Rs. 64,440/-.

Tender forms can be purchased during the office hours from the office of the undersigned on payment of Rs. 10/4/- upto 15-3-48.

Tender containing any additional condition shall not be considered.

I. S. CHOPRA,
Executive Engineer,
Bombay Aviation Division No. 1.
Commerce House, Ballard Estate, Bombay. 7653

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No tender will be considered which is not made on the prescribed form and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs/ 500 by crossed cheque as earnest money. The deposit will be returned to the unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1-0 P.M. (S.T.) on Friday the 19th March, 1948.

CHIEF ENGINEER.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay. 7678

WEST PUNJAB & N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITE APPLICATIONS FROM Women only, for undermentioned posts. Applications must be made on prescribed forms (obtainable free), separately for each post and accompanied by a separate treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5/- in each case (no fee from war service candidates,—who if serving overseas—may apply on plain paper giving full details if prescribed forms not available). Last date for applications: 20TH APRIL 1948. Eligibility: No restriction of nationality or domicile but adequate knowledge of English essential. When asking for forms of application and further particulars candidates must specify the name of the post. (A) Two NURSING SUPERINTENDENTS, one each for Lady Willingdon and Mayo Hospitals, Lahore. Pay: Rs. 250-10-350 p.m., plus dearness and other allowances sanctioned by Government from time to time, with Board allowance at Rs. 24/- per diem and Uniform allowance at Rs. 15/- p.m. Free furnished quarters with light, water and necessary service provided. Age: 30-40 years (relaxable in exceptional cases). Qualifications: (1) Three years training in General Nursing in a recognised training school preferably with administrative experience. (2) Training in Midwifery and certificate of Central Midwifery Board of London or equivalent qualifications. (3) Ability to supervise Nurses (Home and administration of a staff of about 125 Nurses etc. (B) Eight Nursing Sisters: (four for Lady Willingdon and four for Mayo Hospitals, Lahore). Pay: For those trained overseas: Rs. 200-5-250 p.m. and Rs. 150-10-200 p.m., in case of those trained in Pakistan India, plus dearness and other allowances sanctioned by Government from time to time, with Board allowance at Rs. 18/- per diem and Uniform allowance at Rs. 10/- p.m. Free furnished quarters with light, water and necessary service provided. Age: About 35 years on 20th April, 1948. Qualifications: (1) Diploma in Midwifery and General Nursing Training. (2) Administrative experience preferred. 7685

NOTICE
THE EASTERN BANK LIMITED
(Incorporated in England the Liability of Members being Limited.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from 19th March to 31st March, both days inclusive. 7628

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MEHERBAI JEHANGIR BAPUJI and RUSTOM JEHANGIR BAPUJI, both of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted for the absolute sale to our client of the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having any interest in or claim to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Whiteaway Laidlaw Building, 2nd floor, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise, he, she or they will be precluded from making the same and such claim, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE.

FIRSTLY:—Pension and Tax land in the City and Island Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay held under an underlease dated the 3rd day of August 1922 for a period of 999 years commencing from the 1st day of January 1921 containing by admeasurement an area of 1078½ square yards bounded on the East by a plot of vacant land admeasuring 191½ square yards secondly hereunder described and formerly comprised under the said Underlease and now leased to Framrose H. Boyce and another on the West and North by the property of the Trustees of the Soonabai Hirji Agiary and on the South partly by the property of Hilal Bin Fezhan and others and partly by the property of Kookal Sorabji Dadyburjor and others and partly by a passage leading to Gowalia Tank which land bears with other land Collector's New Survey No. 7059 and by itself Cadastral Survey No. 2B/536 of the Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division together with the building and all other messuages and tenements standing thereon which said premises are now assessed by the Municipality under D Ward No. 3387 (1BBB) Street No. 66D Gowalia Tank Road.

SECONDLY:—Pension and Tax land in the City and Island Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 191½ square yards bounded on the East by the property of Framroze Hormusji Boyce and another on the West by the property herein firstly described on the North by the propery of Jehangir Savakshaw Banaji and others and on the South partly by property bearing C. S. No. 538 and partly by a passage leading to Gowalia Tank Road which land bears with other land Collectors New Survey No. 7059 and by itself Cadastral Survey No. 2BA/536 of the Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1948.

PATELL & EZEKIEL,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 7680

AUCTION SALES

Under instructions from the B.B. & C.I. Railway and in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act No. IX of 1890, MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 10th March, 1948 at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Carnac Bridge Goods Depot, Unclaimed unbooked and booked packages such as machinery, drums, iron articles, wooden casks, etc., etc.

Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction at their rooms on TUESDAY, the 16th March, 1948, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) the following goods on account and at the risk of M/s. India Press Tools Ltd. 113, 115, Esplanade Road, Bombay by order of Mr. L. Gonda:

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AUCTION SALES

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M/s. GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and assignee of the Estate and effects of the Insolvents Aminabai and Halimabai both daughters of Ismail Mahomed Heindaday (Insolvency No. 53-56 of 1947 and with the consent of M/s. Virchand Poonamchand & Co., the Mortgagees, subject to the Official Assignee's Confirmation, sell by Public Auction on SATURDAY 20th Inst. at their Rooms at 72, Medows Street, Fort at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.), the right, title and interest of the said Insolvents and of the said Mortgagees in the undermentioned immovable property.

The sale will be confirmed by the Official Assignee at his Office on MONDAY, 5th day of April 1948 at 1 P.M. (S.T.).

SCHEDULE—All that piece of quit and ground rent Land together with tenements and dwelling houses on the Eastern side of Underia Street admeasuring 96 2/9 Sq. Yds. bearing New No. 8510, new S. N. 3960 E Ward No. 298 New Street No. 31 and C. S. No. 1118 of Byculla Division.

For particulars apply to the Official Assignee of Bombay, High Court, Bombay or M/s. Nandlal Patwari & Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagees or to the undersigned.

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M/s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and for the Estate of the Insolvent Dr. N. T. Nalyer and subject to the official Assignee's confirmation, sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 17th Inst. at 12 Noon (S.T.) at their Rooms at 72, Medows Street, Fort. Medicines, including Ayurvedic Medicines, one lot Empty Bottles, Barrels, Jar etc. etc. And at 3 P.M. (S.T.) at Sukhodaya Ayurvedic Pharmacy of the above Insolvent, Tara Mansion, opposite to Matunga Station (G.I.P. Rly.) Furniture including Folding Chairs, Tables, Writing Table, Benches, Glassdoor Cupboard, Compounding Table. Medicines, Electric Fans etc. etc.

The sale will be confirmed by the Official Assignee of Bombay at his Office on Thursday, 18-3-48 at 1 P.M. (S.T.).

Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit.

AUCTION SALE of Furniture including Counters, Show Case, Ceiling Fan, Chairs, Cupboards, one lot Hosiery on Monday, 15th Inst. at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Jubilee Stores, Zaveri Bazar under instructions from the Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay as Receiver appointed in Suit No. 1686 of 1942.

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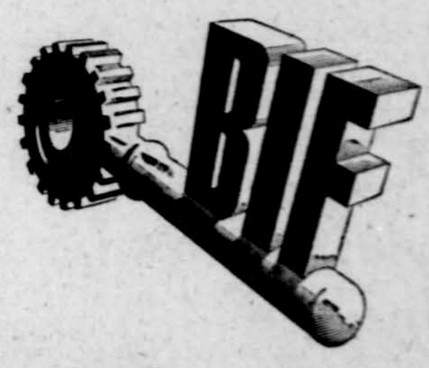

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